

# High Performance Computing with Aeronautics and Space Applications

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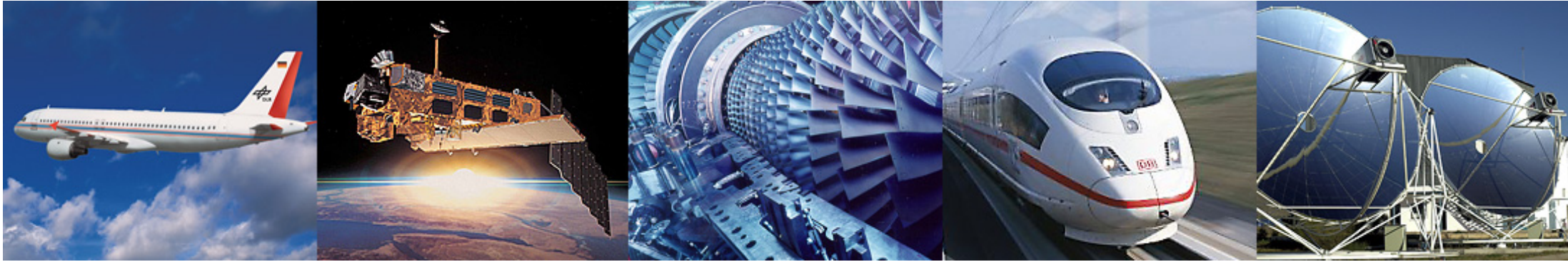
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Knowledge for Tomorrow

# DLR

## German Aerospace Center



- Research Institution
- Space Agency
- Project Management Agency



# DLR Locations and Employees

Approx. 8000 employees across  
33 institutes and facilities at 20 sites.

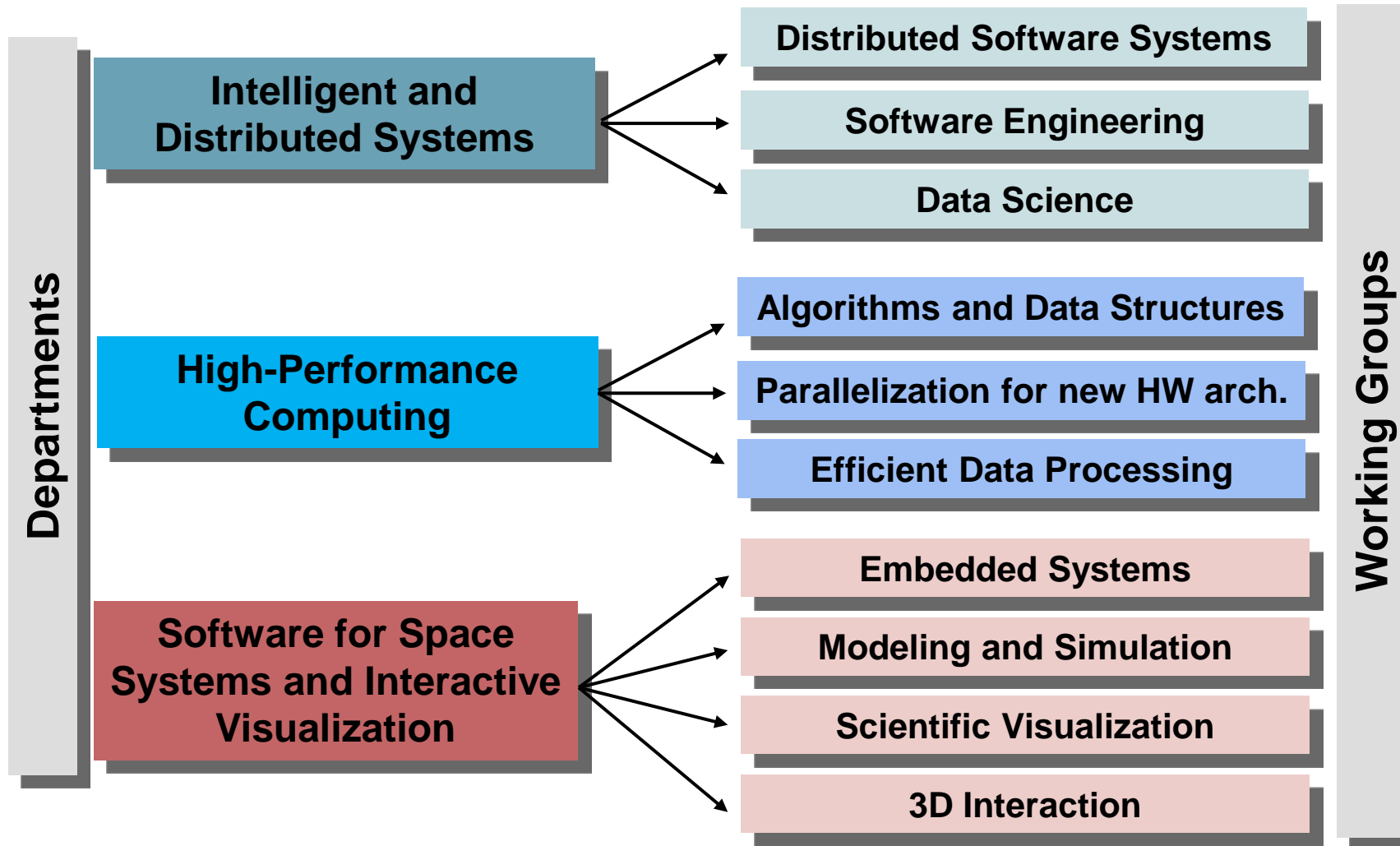
Offices in Brussels, Paris,  
Tokyo and Washington.





# DLR Institute Simulation and Software Technology

## Scientific Themes and Working Groups



# High Performance Computing – Survey of Topics

## Parallel algorithms and data structures

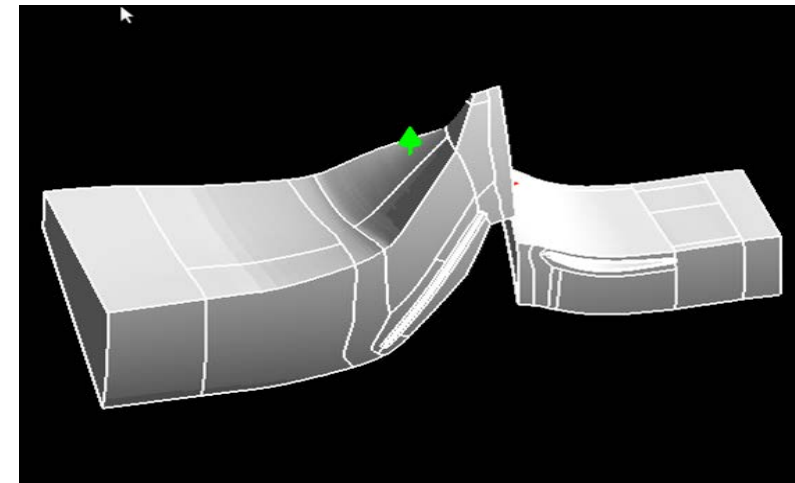
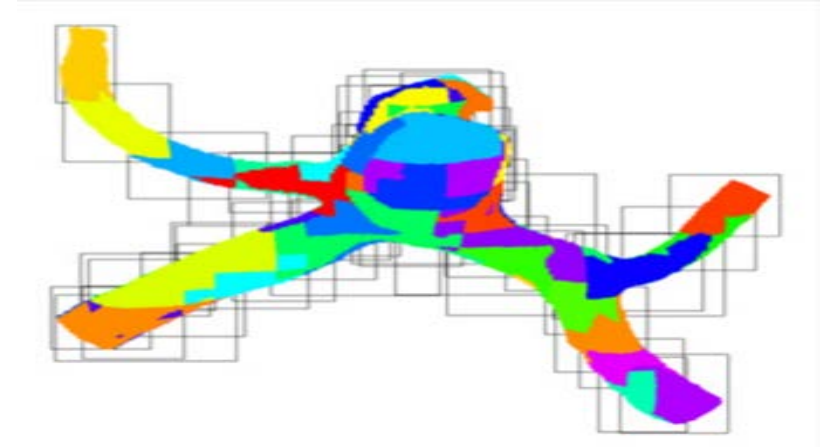
- Numerical libraries
- Optimization algorithms and tools
- Algorithms for quantum computers

## Parallelization techniques for modern computer architectures

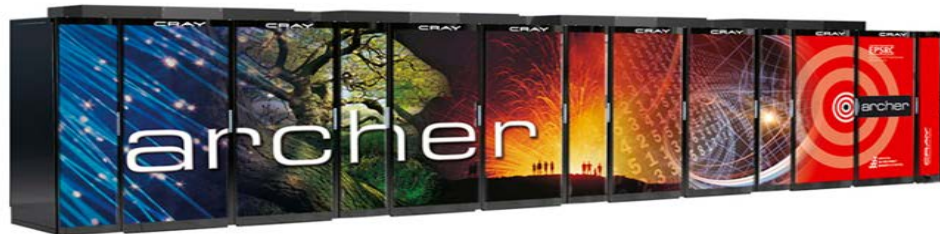
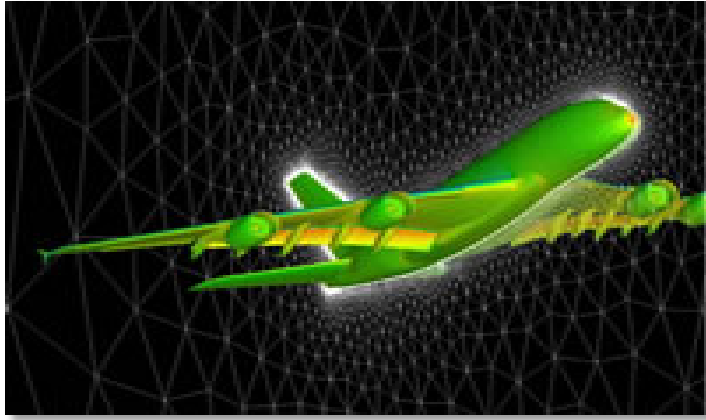
- Parallel programming
- Programming of quantum computers
- Parallel basic libraries
- Tools for parallel software systems

## Data Science

- Pre-processing, e.g. partitioning
- High performance data analytics
- Parallel monitoring



# Projects in High Performance Computing at DLR



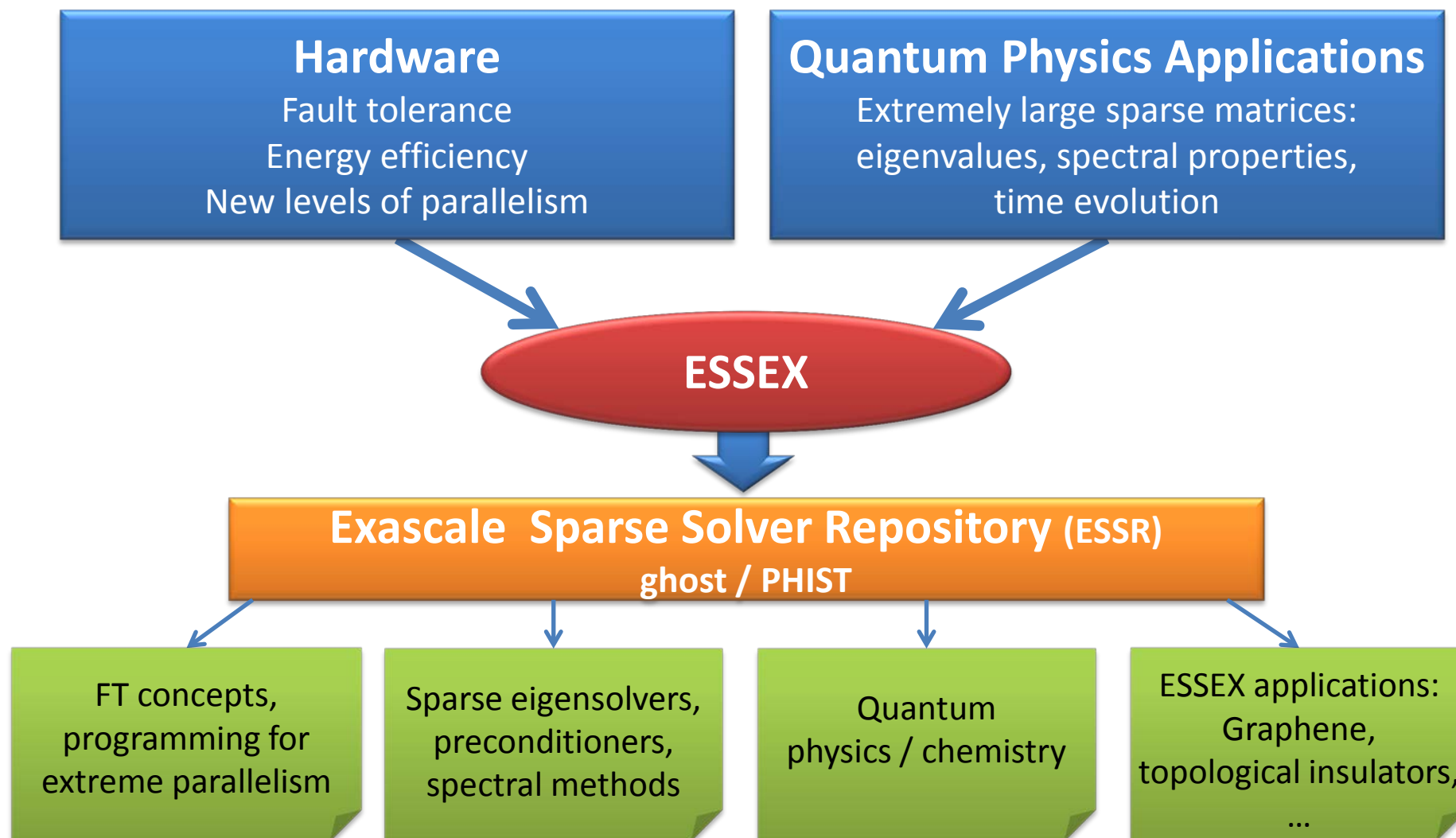
# Survey on Projects

- Exascale computing
  - Solvers for quantum physics problems
  - Pre- and Processing
- Helicopter and aircraft simulation
- Optimization
  - Thermal management for spacecraft
  - Aeronautic and space problems for adiabatic quantum annealers
- HPC for Space Situational Awareness (SSA)





# ESSEX Motivation: Requirements for Exascale



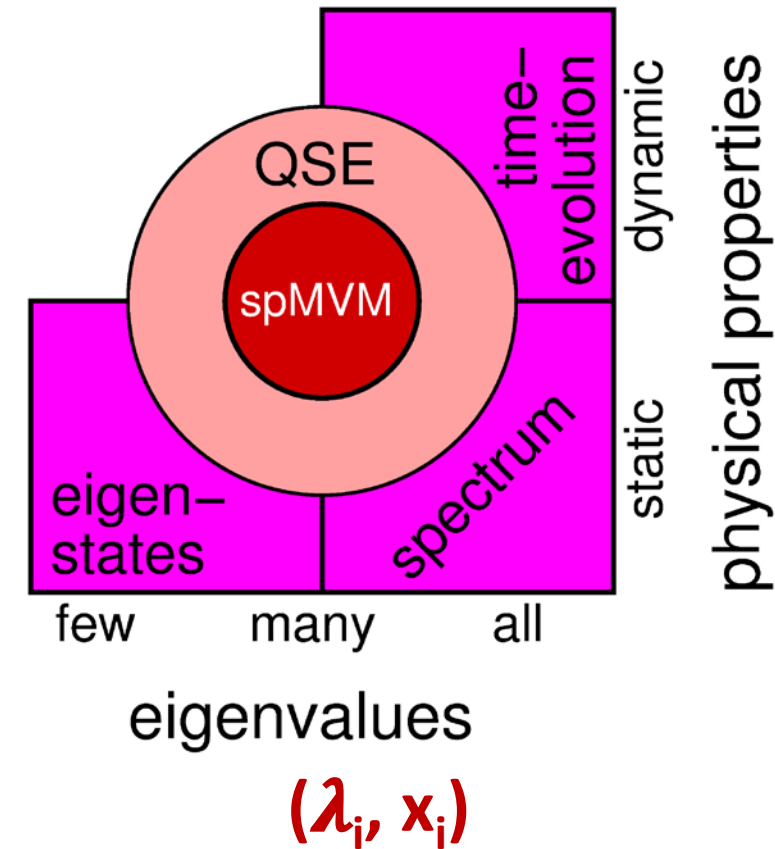
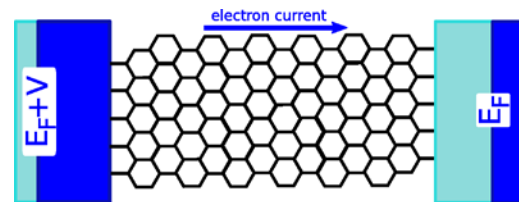
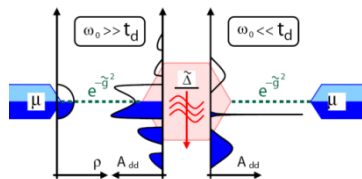


# ESSEX: Physical Motivation and Sparse Eigenvalue problem

Solve large sparse  
eigenvalue problem

$$H x = \lambda x$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\vec{r}, t) = H \psi(\vec{r}, t)$$



# ESSEX Software Development: Basics

- **Git** for distributed software development
- **Merge-request workflow** for code review; changes only in branches
- Own MPI extension for **Google Test**
- Realization of **continuous-integration** with Jenkins server



# The ESSEX Software Infrastructure: Kernel Library **GHOLT**

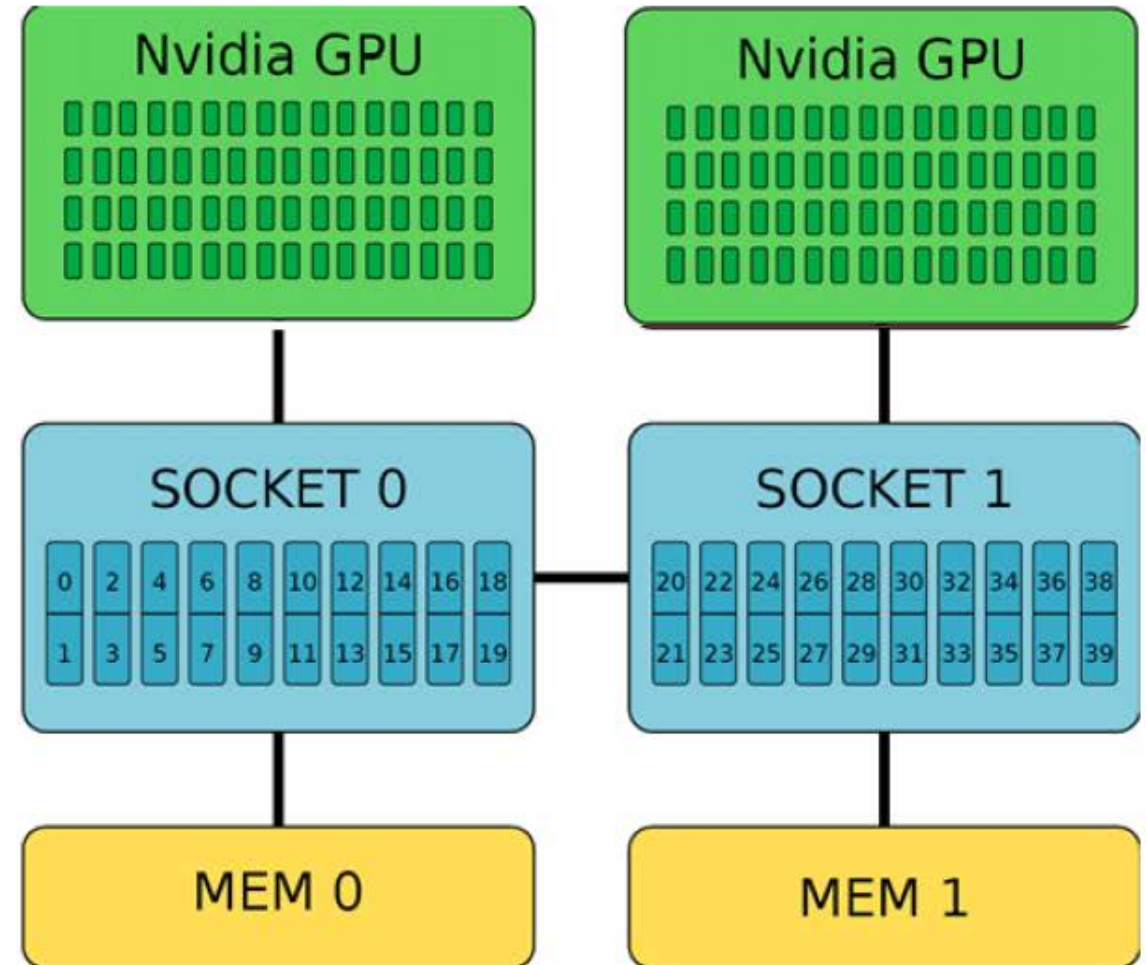
(General Hybrid and Optimized Sparse Toolkit) provides

- intelligent resource management for heterogenous systems
  - automatic pinning of threads to cores
  - asynchronous execution of (larger) tasks
- some fully optimized kernels for sparse matrix methods
  - sparse matrix-(multi)vector multiplication (spM(M)VM)
  - 'tall and skinny' matrices in row or column major ordering
- target platforms right now: Intel CPUs, Xeon Phi and Nvidia GPUs
- programming model: 'MPI+X',  
with X=SIMD intrinsics, OpenMP and CUDA



# The ESSEX Software Infrastructure: MPI + X with **GHULST**

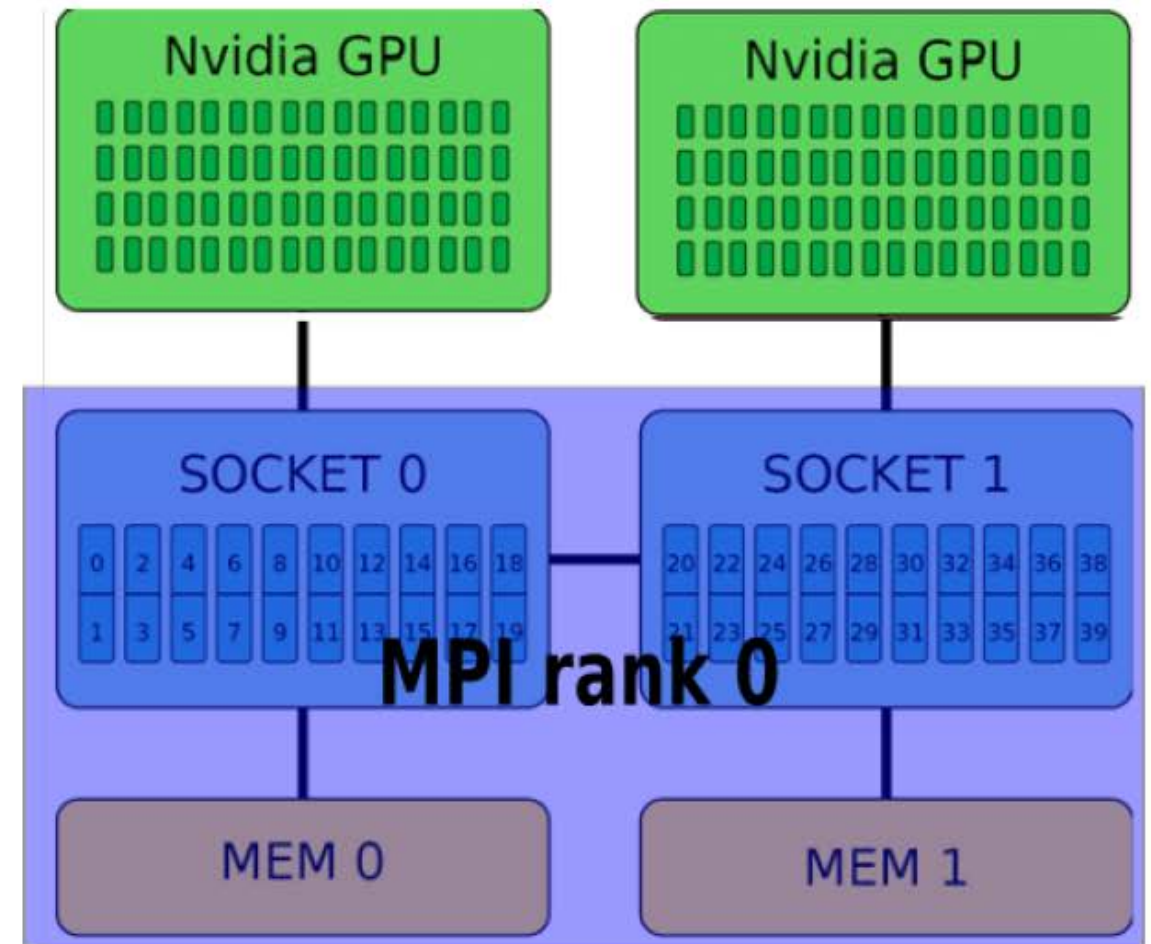
- System with multiple CPUs (NUMA domains) and GPUs





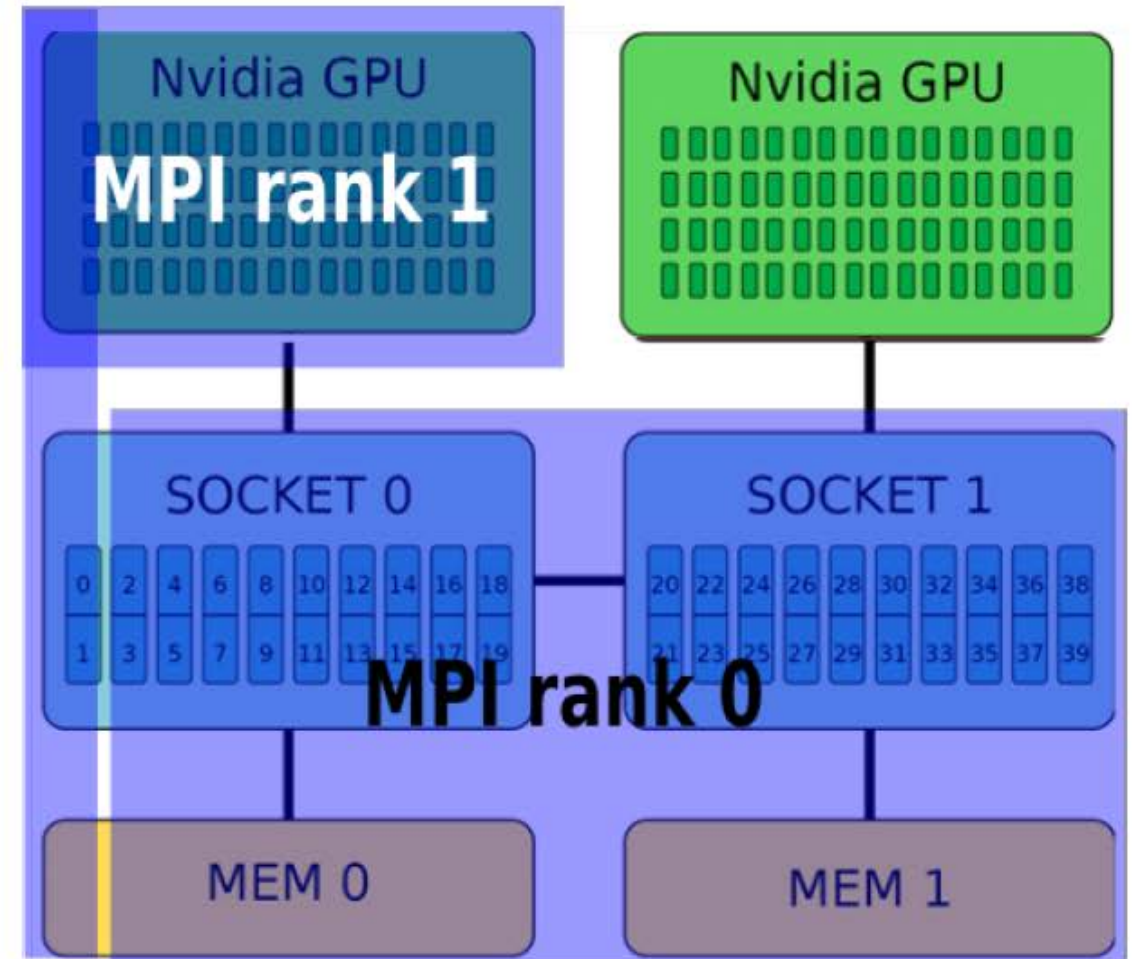
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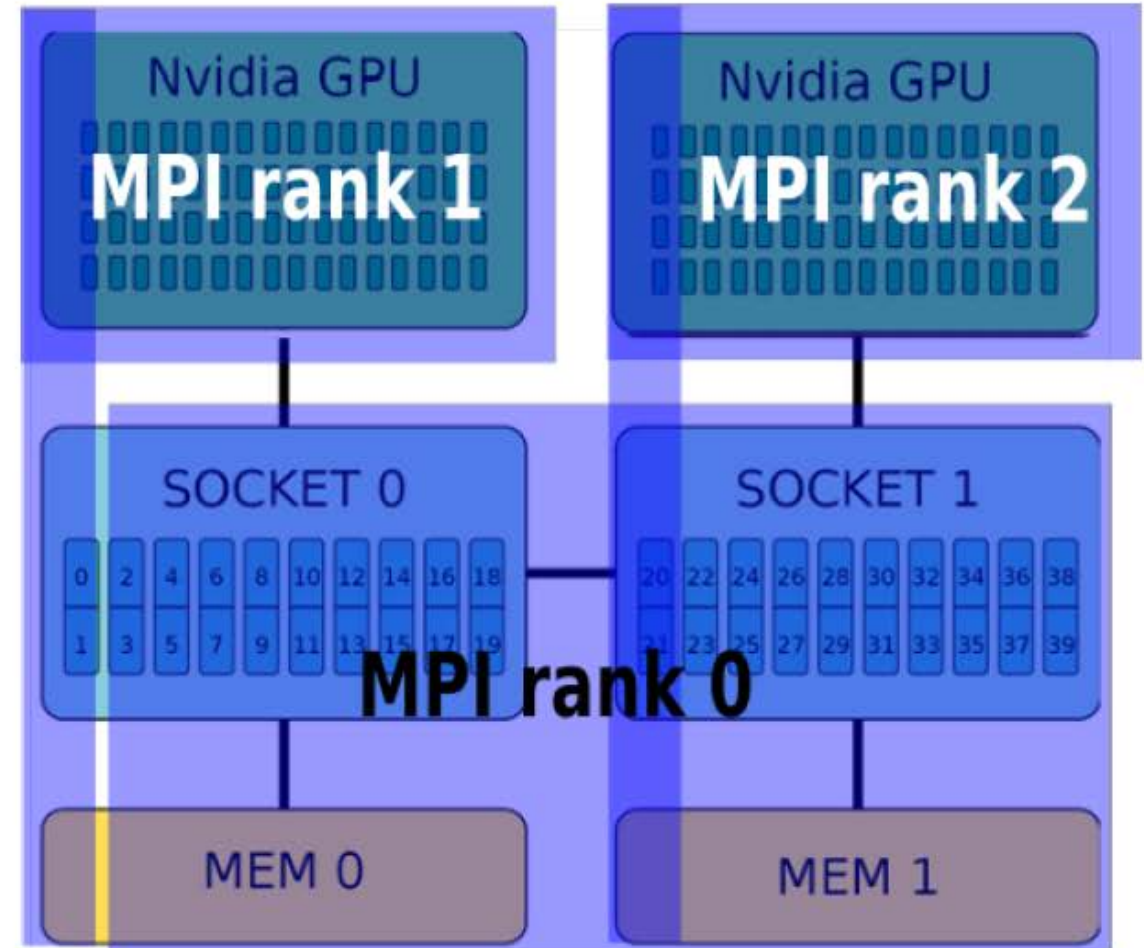
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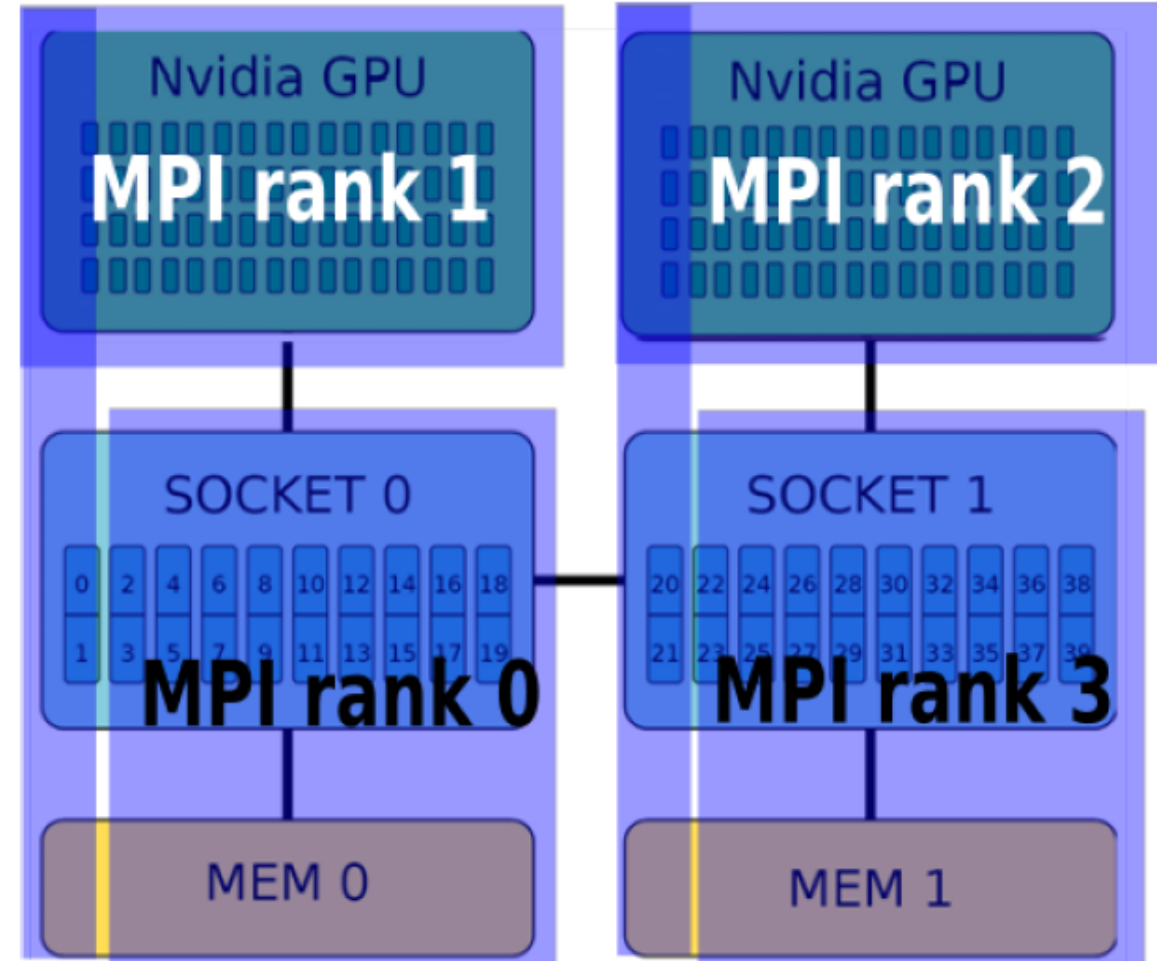




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- -np 4: use one process per socket and one for each GPU

**Option:** distribute problem according to memory bandwidth measured

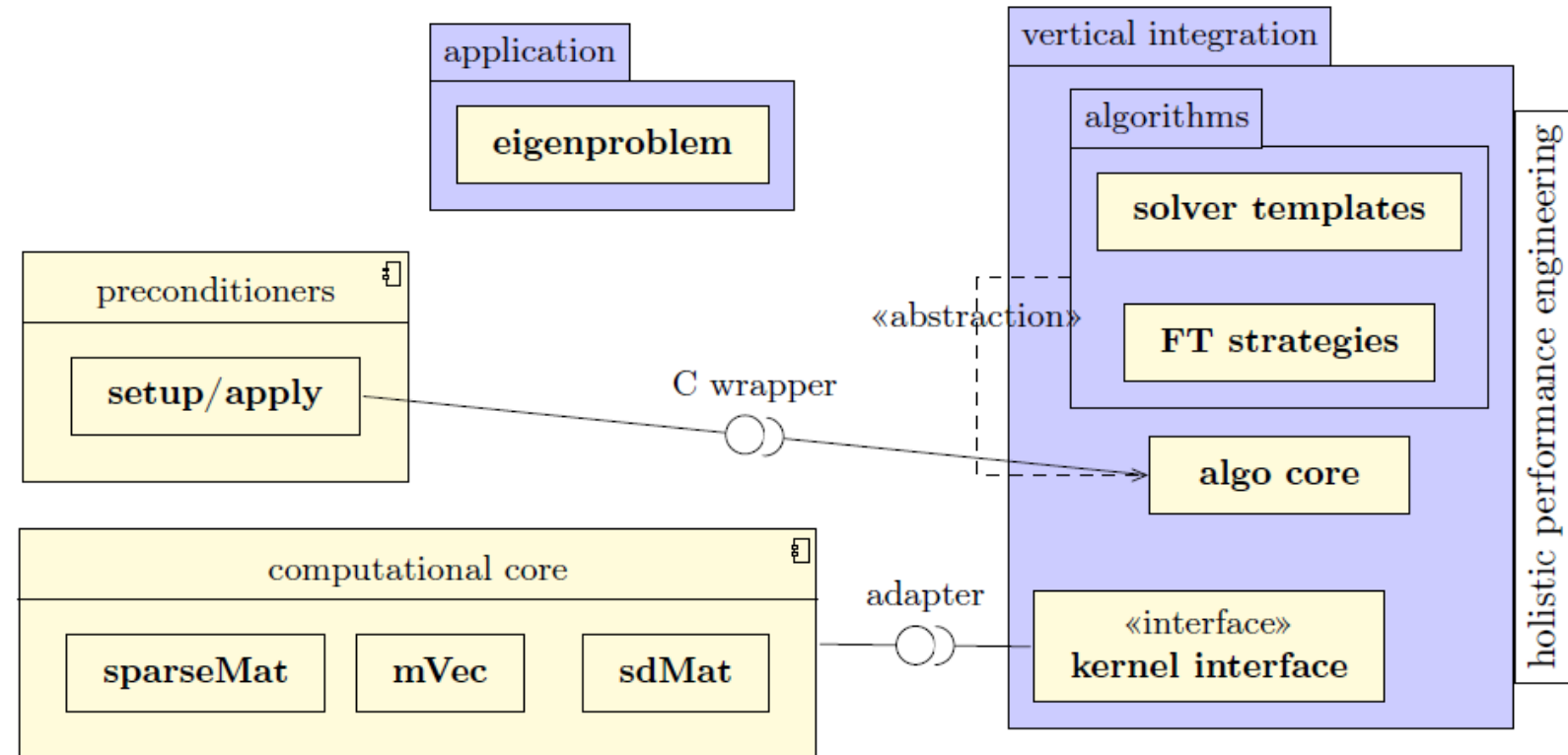




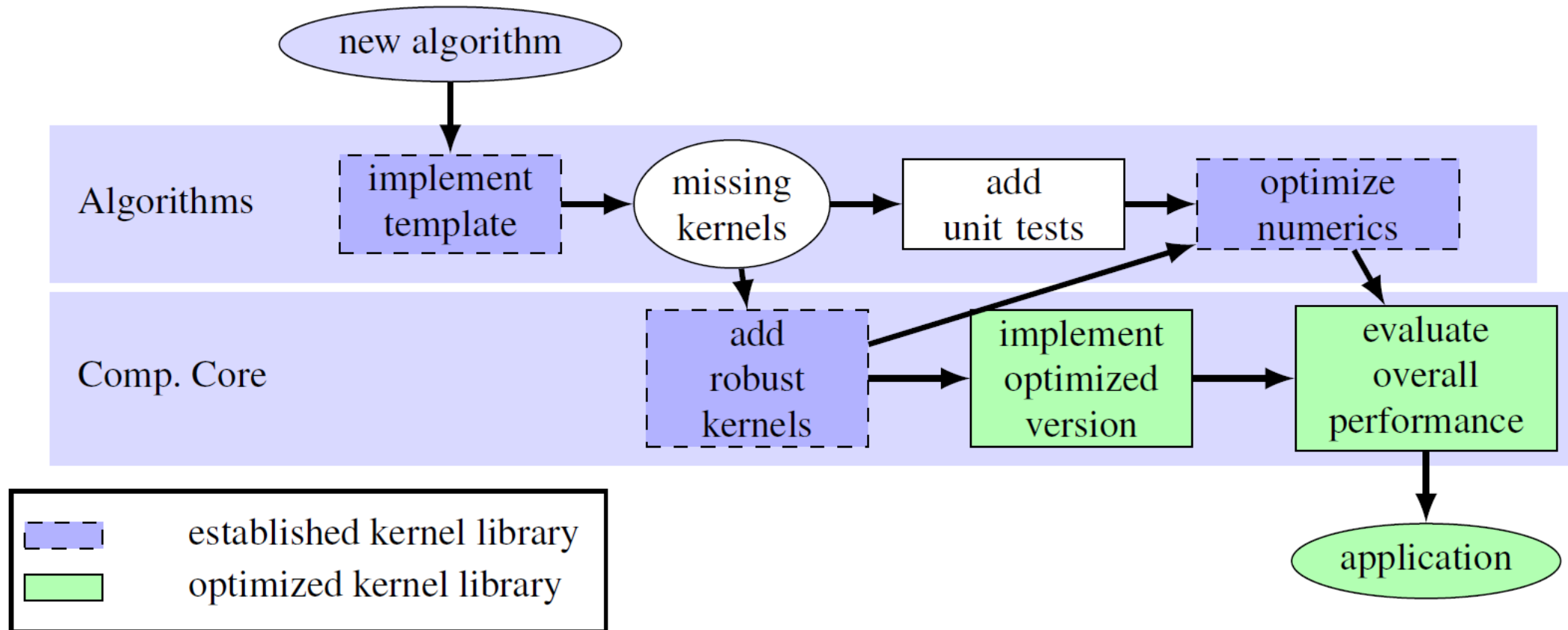
# The ESSEX Software Infrastructure: PHIST for Implementing Iterative Solvers

## a Pipelined Hybrid-parallel Iterative Solver Toolkit

- facilitate algorithm development using **GHULT**
- holistic performance engineering
- portability and interoperability



# The ESSEX Software Infrastructure: Test-Driven Algorithm Development

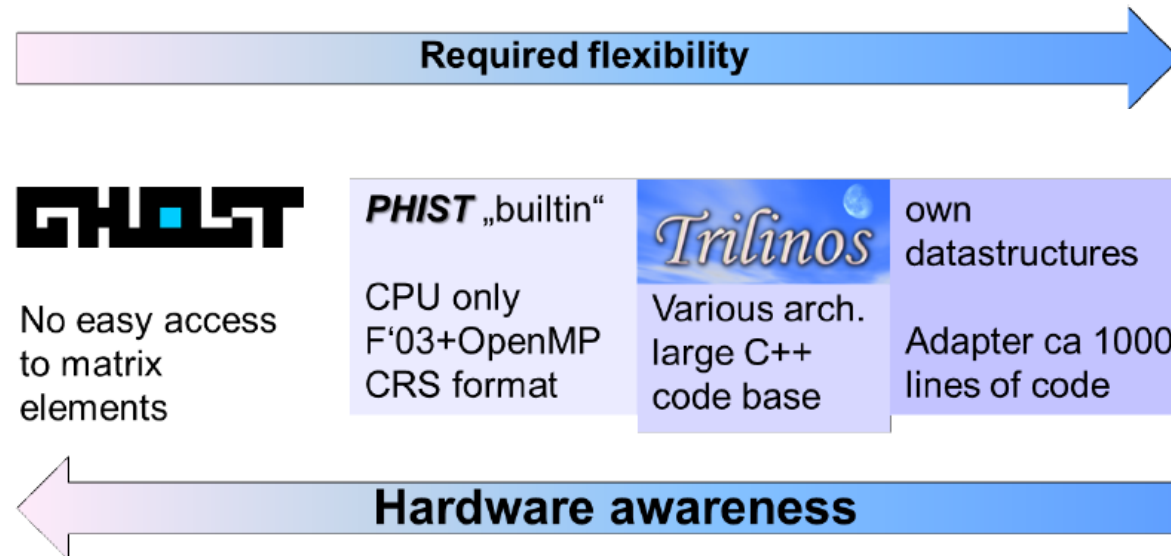


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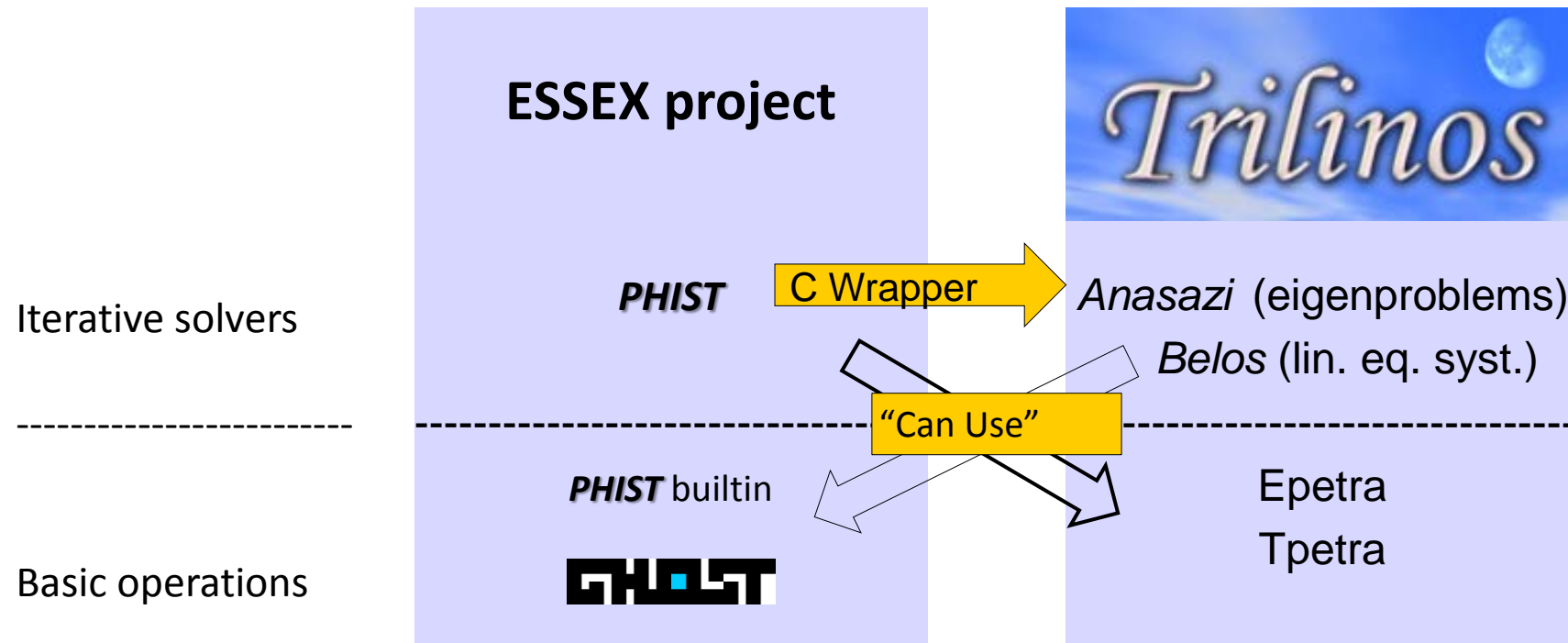
## Useful abstraction: kernel interface

Choose from several 'backends' at compile time, to

- easily use **PHIST** in existing applications
- perform the same run with different kernel libraries
- compare numerical accuracy and performance
- exploit unique features of a kernel library (e.g. preconditioners)



# Interoperability of PHIST and Trilinos





# The ESSEX Software Infrastructure: PHIST for Implementing Iterative Solvers

## Cool features of PHIST

### Task macros

out-of-order execution of code blocks

- overlap comm. and comp.
- asynchronous checkpointing
- ...

### Consistent random vectors

make **PHIST** runs comparable

- across platforms (CPU, GPU...)
- across kernel libraries
- independent of #procs, #threads

### PerfCheck:

print achieved roofline performance of kernels after complete run to reveal

- deficiencies of kernel lib
- implementation issues of algorithm (strided data access etc.)

### Special-purpose operations

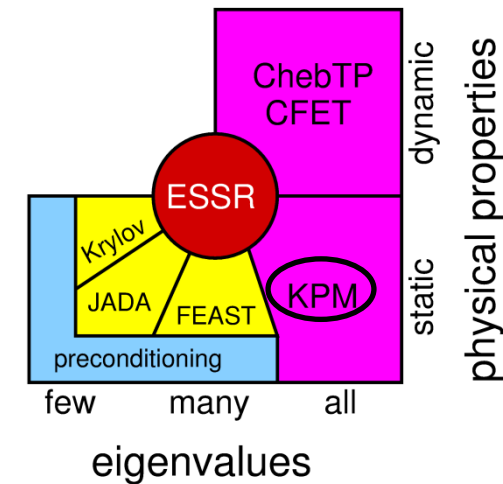
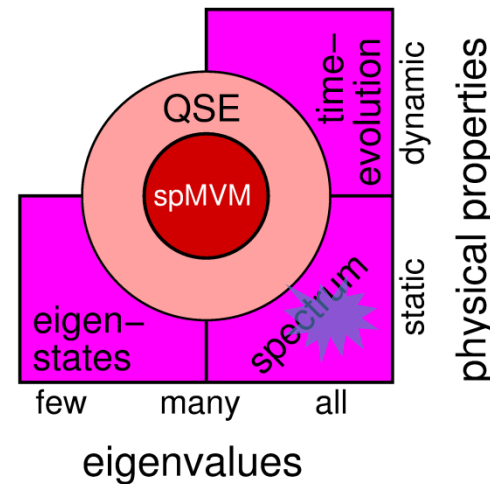
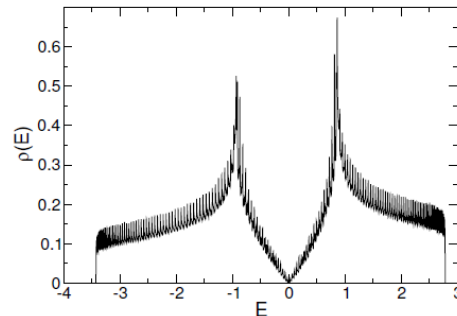
- fused kernels, e.g. compute  $Y = \alpha AX + \beta Y$  and  $Y^T X$
- highly accurate core functions, e.g. block orthogonalization in simulated quad precision



# Application, Algorithm and Performance: Kernel Polynomial Method (KPM) – A Holistic View

- Compute **approximation to the complete eigenvalue spectrum** of large sparse matrix  $A$  (with  $X = I$ )

$$X(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}[\delta(\omega - H)X] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \delta(\omega - E_n) \langle \psi_n, X \psi_n \rangle$$



# The Kernel Polynomial Method (KPM)

Optimal performance exploit knowledge from all software layers!

Basic algorithm – Compute Cheyshev polynomials/moments:

**for**  $r = 0$  to  $R - 1$  **do**

$|v\rangle \leftarrow |\text{rand}()\rangle$

Initialization steps and computation of  $\eta_0, \eta_1$

**for**  $m = 1$  to  $M/2$  **do**

swap( $|w\rangle, |v\rangle$ )

$|u\rangle \leftarrow H|v\rangle$

$|u\rangle \leftarrow |u\rangle - b|v\rangle$

$|w\rangle \leftarrow -|w\rangle$

$|w\rangle \leftarrow |w\rangle + 2a|u\rangle$

$\eta_{2m} \leftarrow \langle v|v\rangle$

$\eta_{2m+1} \leftarrow \langle w|v\rangle$

**end for**

**end for**

Application:

Loop over random initial states

Algorithm:

Loop over moments

Building blocks:  
(Sparse) linear  
algebra library

▷ spmv ( )

Sparse matrix vector multiply

▷ axpy ( )

Scaled vector addition

▷ scal ( )

Vector scale

▷ axpy ( )

Scaled vector addition

▷ nrm2 ( )

Vector norm

▷ dot ( )

Dot Product



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```

▷ `spmv()`  
 ▷ `axpy()`  
 ▷ `scal()`  
 ▷ `axpy()`  
 ▷ `nrm2()`  
 ▷ `dot()`



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▷ `aug_spmv()`

Augmented Sparse  
Matrix Vector Multiply





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```

 $|V\rangle := |v\rangle_{0..R-1}$ 
 $|W\rangle := |w\rangle_{0..R-1}$ 
 $|V\rangle \leftarrow |\text{rand}()\rangle$ 
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  for  $m = 1$  to  $M/2$  do
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     $\eta_{2m}[:, :] = \langle V|V\rangle$  &
     $\eta_{2m+1}[:, :] = \langle W|V\rangle$ 
  end for

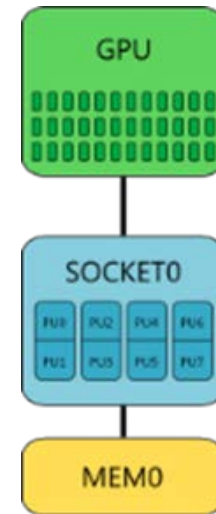
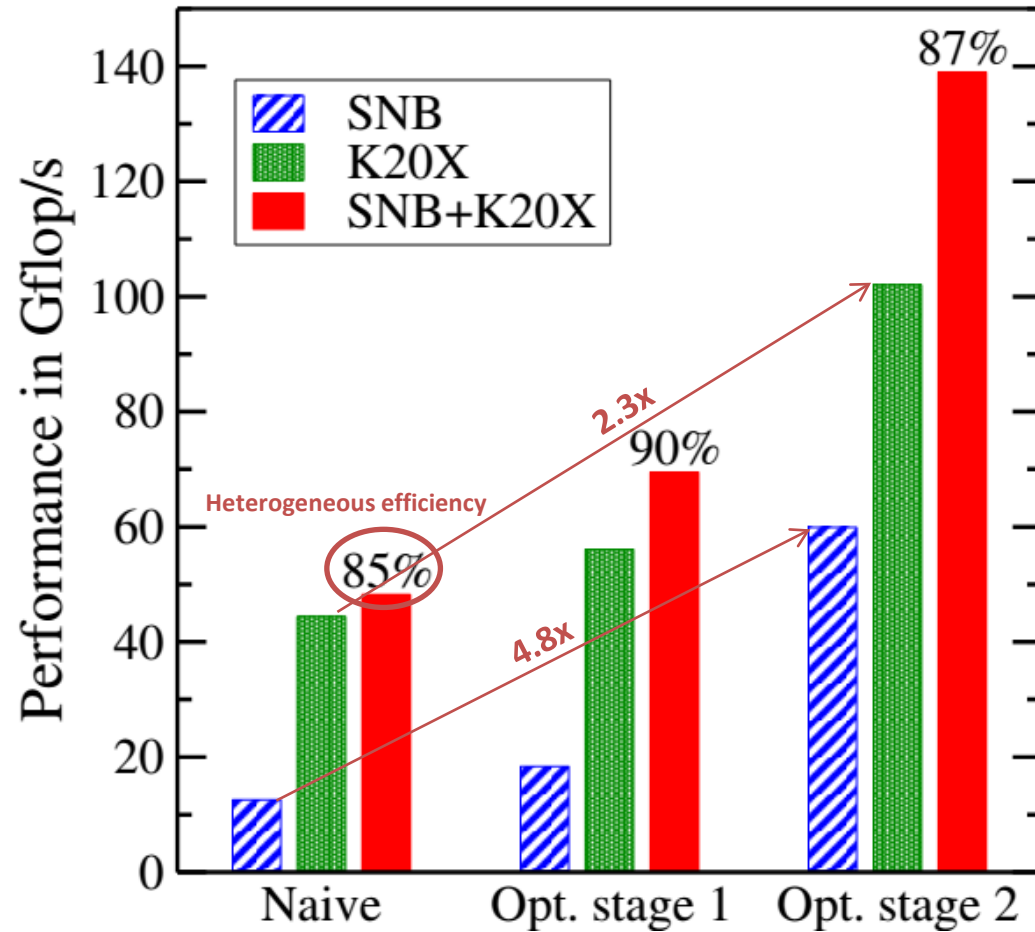
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▷ Assemble vector blocks  
▷ `aug_spmmv()`

Augmented Sparse Matrix  
Multiple Vector Multiply



# KPM: Heterogenous Node Performance

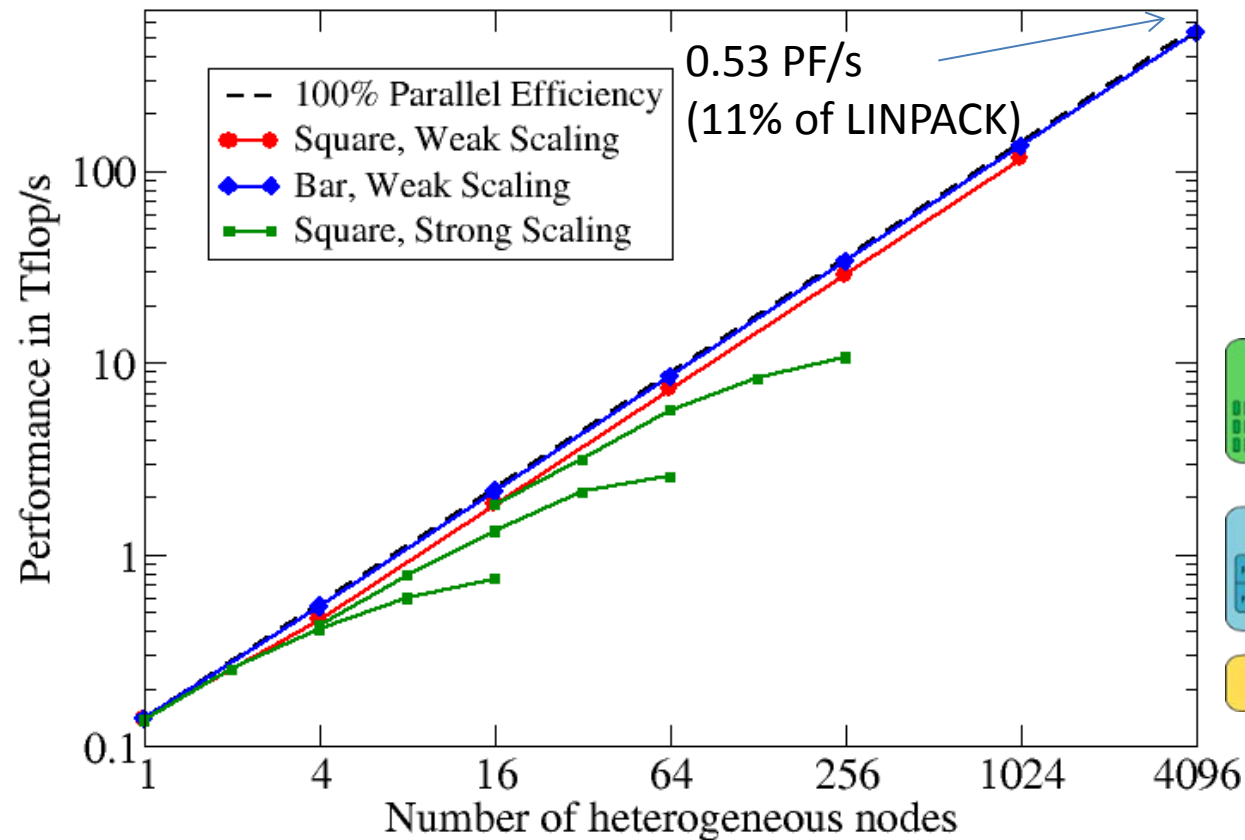


NVIDIDA K20X

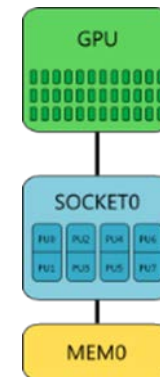
Intel  
Xeon E5-2670 (SNB)

- Topological Insulator Application
- Double complex computations
- Data parallel static workload distribution

# KPM: Large Scale Heterogenous Node Performance



## CRAY XC30 – PizDaint\*



- 5272 nodes
- Peak: 7.8 PF/s
- LINPACK: 6.3 PF/s
- Largest system in Europe

*Performance Engineering of the Kernel Polynomial Method on Large-Scale CPU-GPU Systems*

M. Kreutzer, A. Pieper, G. Hager, A. Alvermann, G. Wellein and H. Fehske, IEEE IPDPS 2015

\*Thanks to CSCS/T. Schulthess for granting access and compute time

## EC Project CRESTA (2011-2014)

- Three year EU-funded collaborative project, 13 partners, €12 million costs, €8.5 million funding, start: October 2011
  - **Collaborative Research into Exascale Systemware, Tools and Applications**
  - Project coordinator: EPCC at The University of Edinburgh
- CRESTA has a very strong focus on exascale software challenges
- Uses a co-design model of applications with exascale potential interacting with systemware and tools activities
- The hardware partner is Cray
- Applications represent broad spectrum from science and engineering
- CRESTA will compare and contrast incremental and disruptive solutions to Exascale challenges



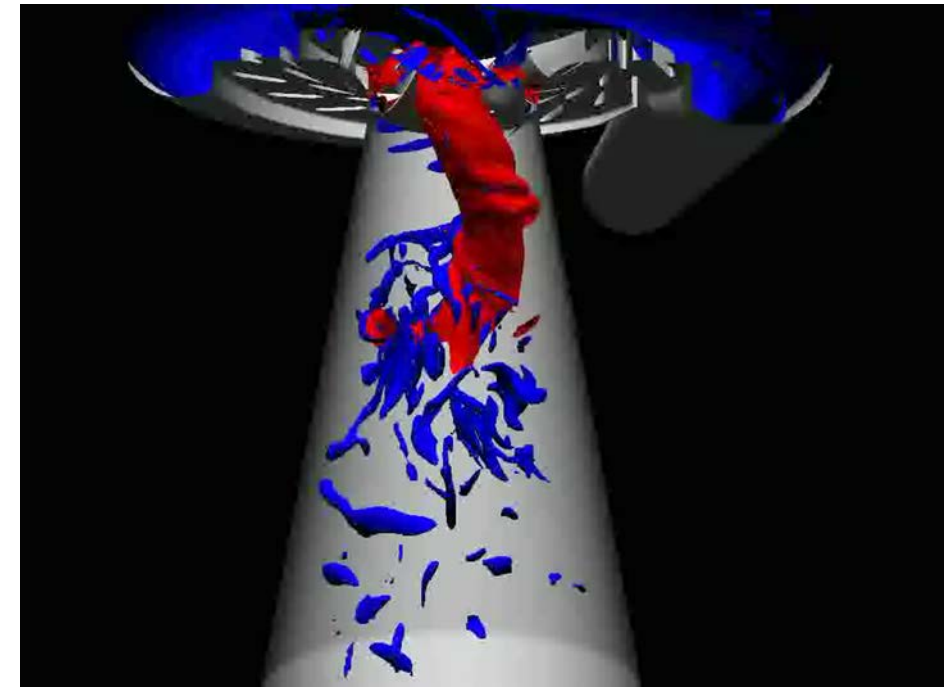
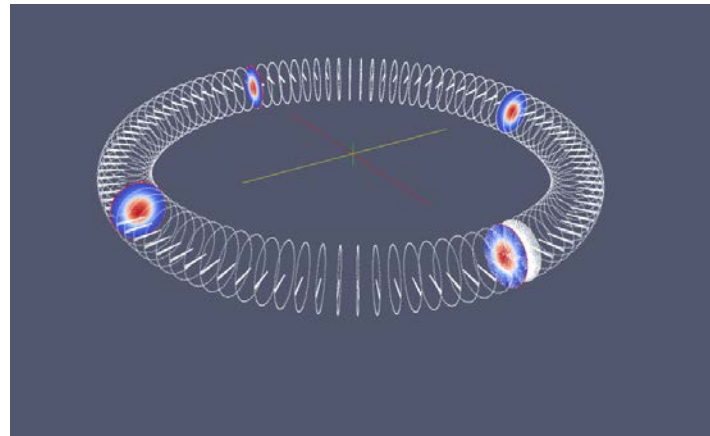
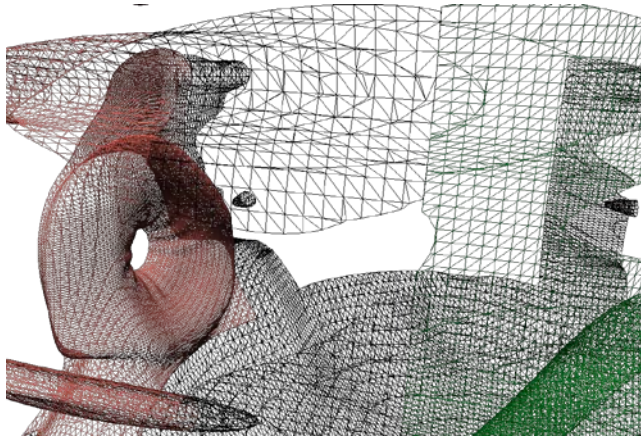


# SC: Concepts for Exascale Pre- and Post-Processing

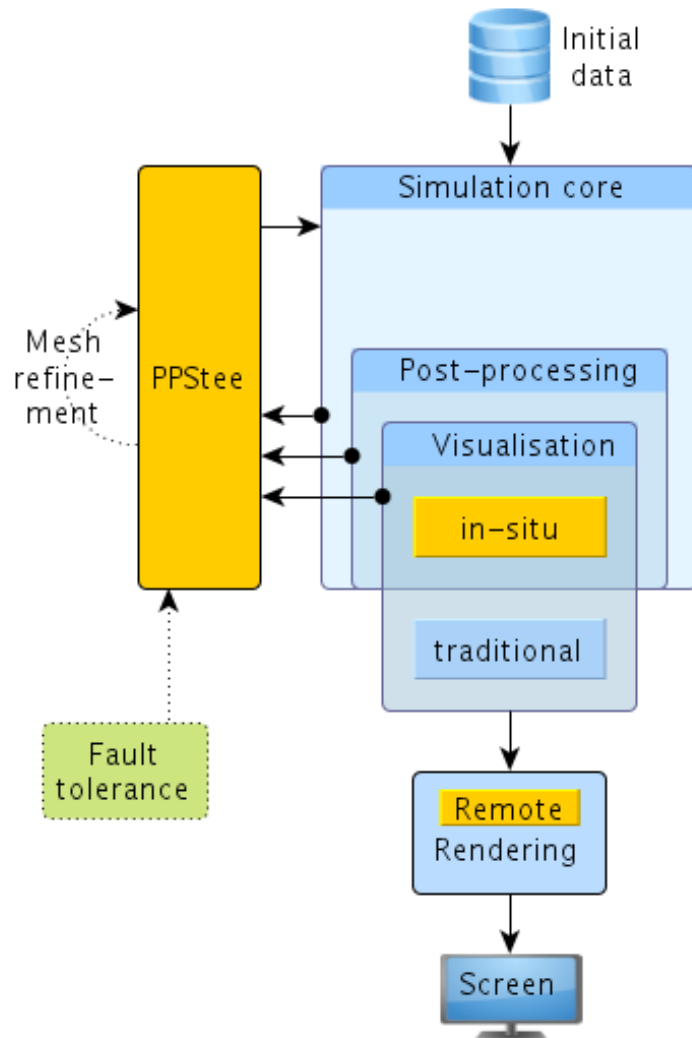
Goals: development of pre- and post-processing as well as remote hybrid rendering tools in order to support exascale applications and users with focus on

- mesh analysis and partitioning tools,
- visualization tools and
- data management tools

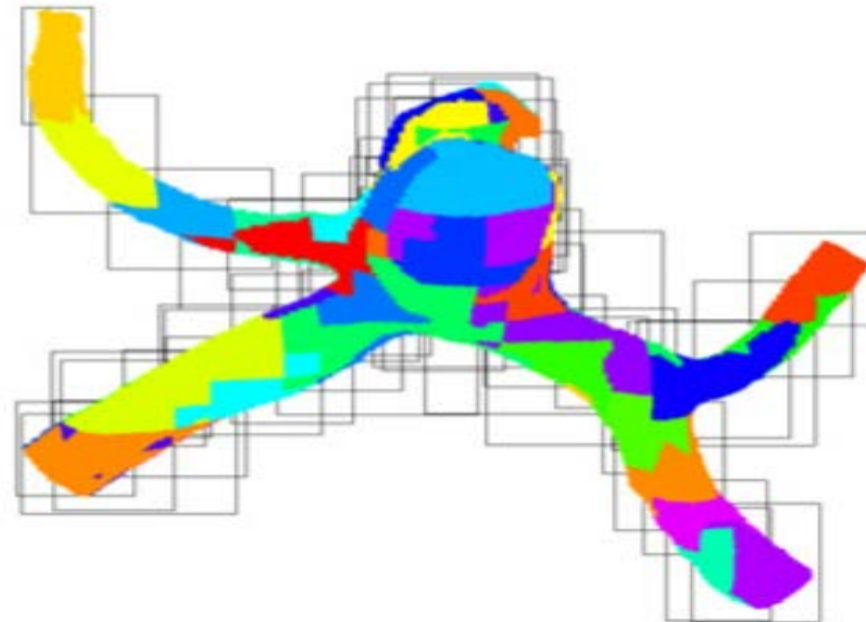
in a co-design process with CRESTA applications



# PPSTee: A Pre-Processing Interface for Steering Exascale Simulations

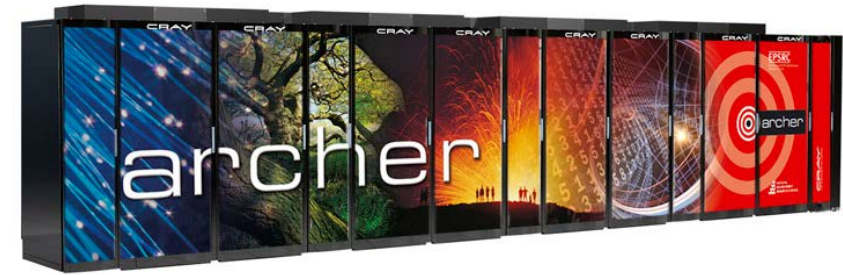


- Swappable partitioning tools (ParMETIS, PTScotch, Zoltan)
- Consideration of different simulation phases like core computations and visualization

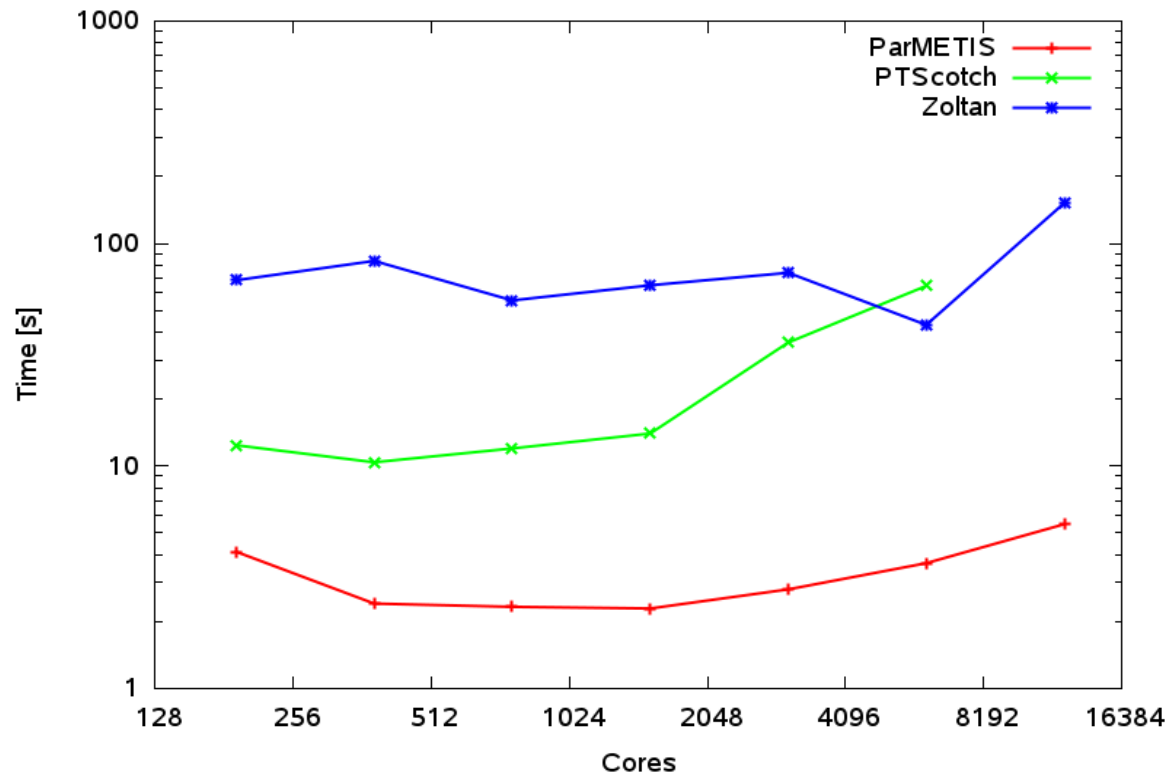


(72,000 cores)

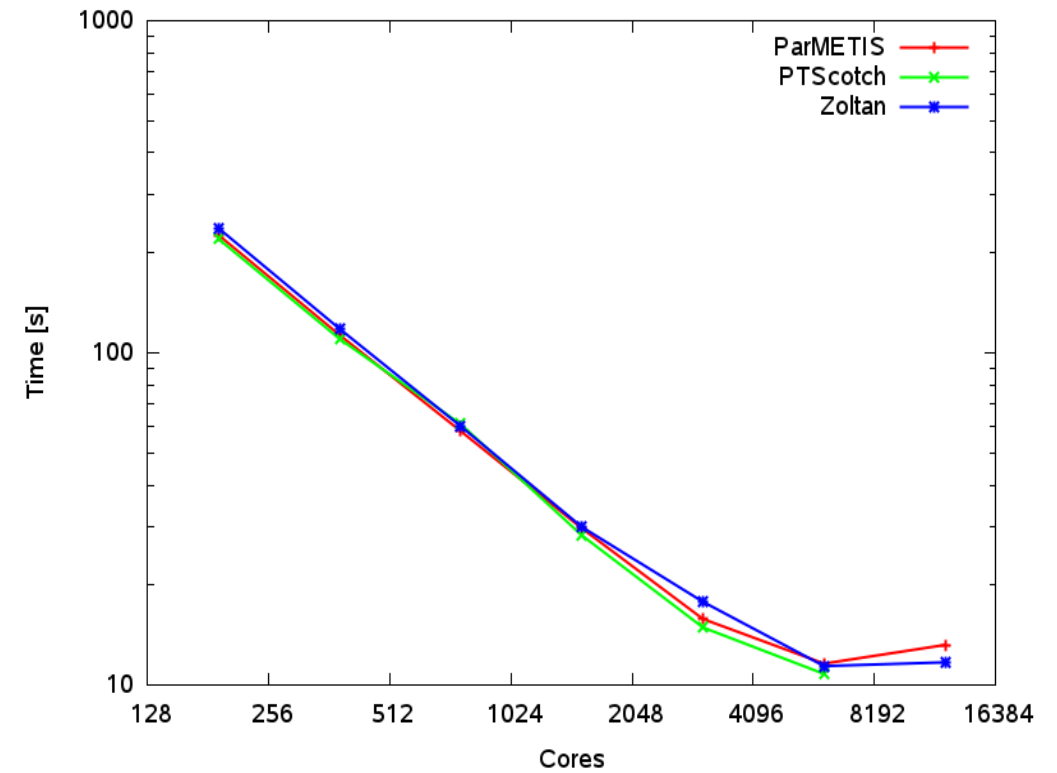
# PPSTee Experiments in HemeLB



HemeLB - PPSTee - aneurysm\_0.025mm - Partitioning only

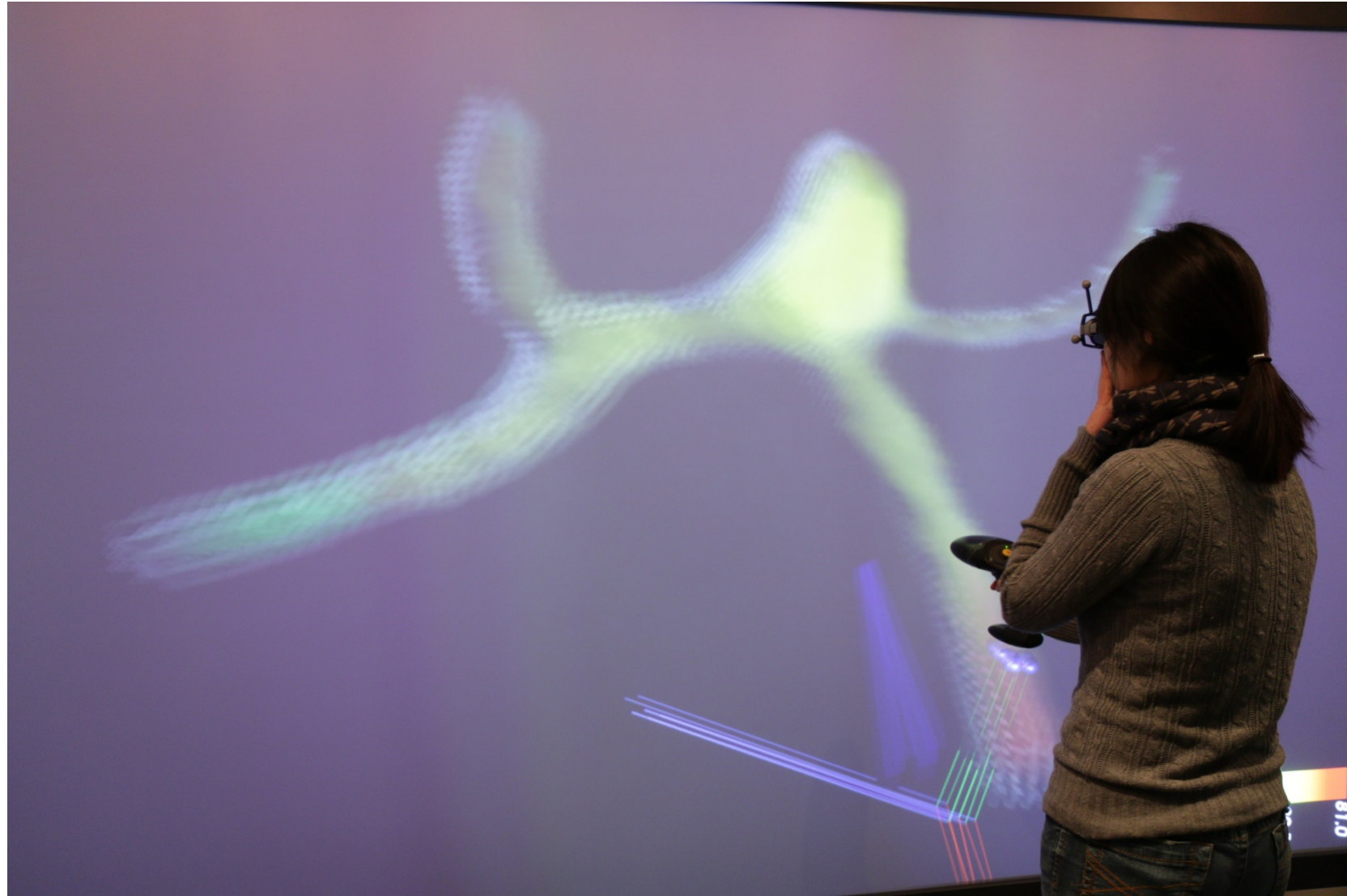


HemeLB - PPSTee - aneurysm\_0.025mm - Calculation only





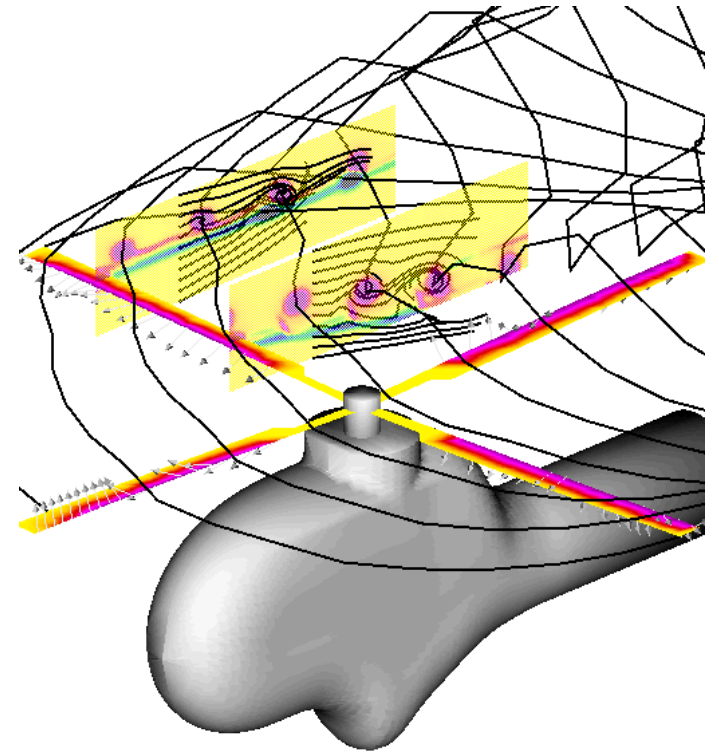
# Interactive Particle Seeding





# DLR Project Free-Wake

- Developed 1994-1996 by FT-HS
  - implemented in Fortran
  - MPI-parallel
- Used by the FT-HS rotor simulation code S4
- Simulates the flow around a helicopter's rotor
- Vortex-Lattice method
  - Discretizes complex wake structures with a set of vortex elements
- Based on experimental data (from the international HART program 1995)
- **SC's task: hybrid Free-Wake parallelization for CPUs and GPGPUs**



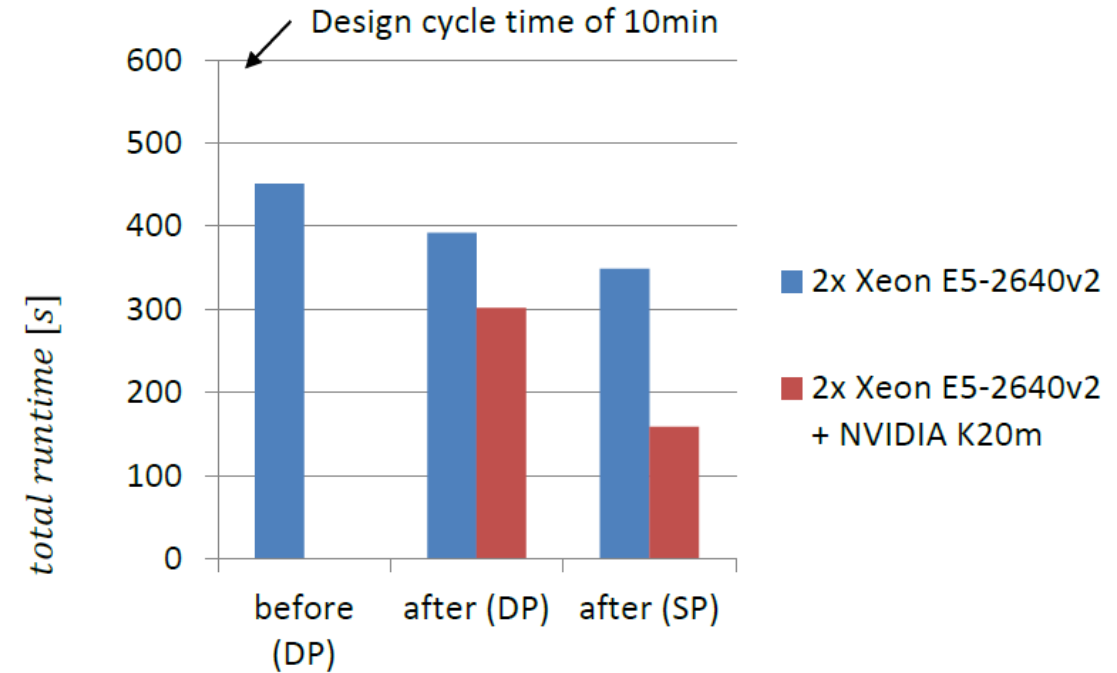
# GPU Computing with OpenACC

```
program main
  real :: a(N)
  ...
  !$acc data copyout(a)
    ! computation on the GPU in several loops:
    ...
  !$acc parallel loop
    do i = 1, N
      a(i) = 2.5 * i
    end do
  !$acc parallel loop
  ...
  !$acc end data
    ! Now results available on the CPU
  ...
end program main
```

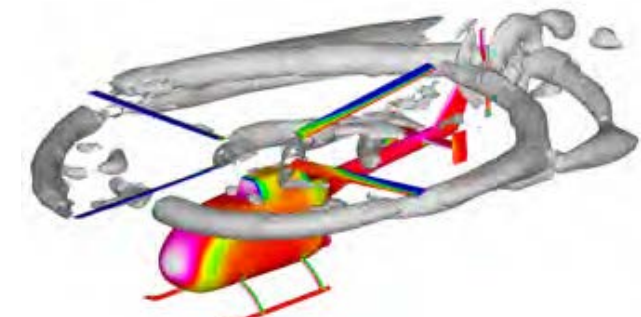


# Port to GPGPU and Modernization

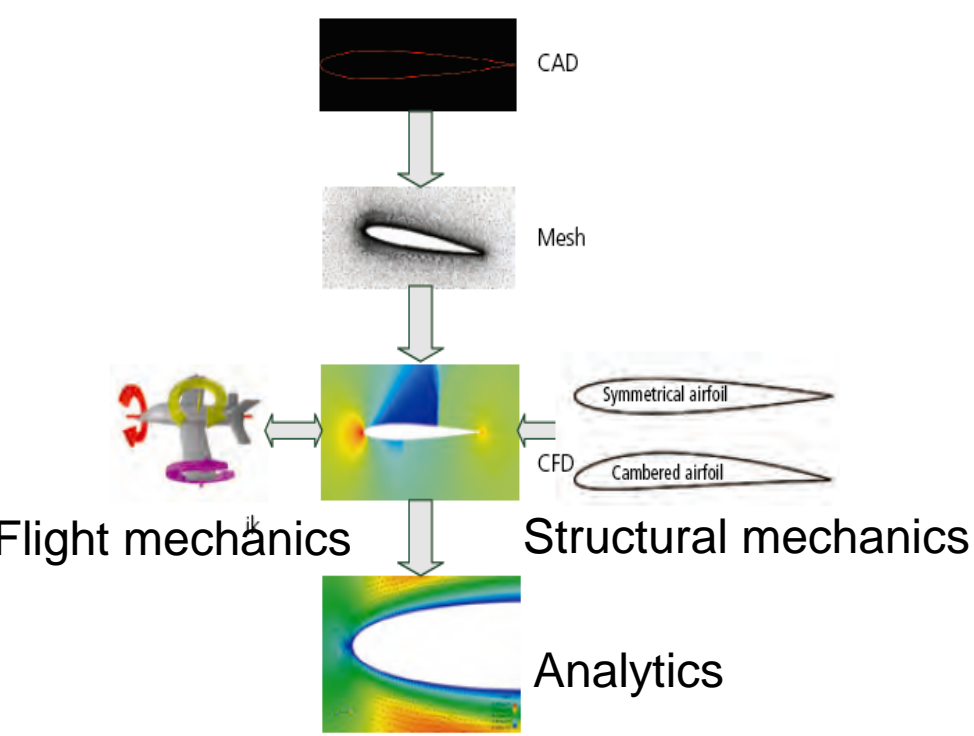
- Successfully ported the Freewake simulation to GPUs using OpenACC
  - original numerical method not modified
  - refactored & restructured a lot of code
  - results verified on CPU and GPU
- Porting complex algorithms to GPUs is difficult
  - branches in loops hurt (much more than for CPUs)
- Loop restructuring may also improve the CPU performance
  - (SIMD vectorization on modern CPUs)
- Stumbled upon several OpenACC PGI-compiler bugs (all fixed very fast)
- Freewake on a workstation with reasonable cycle times → Goal achieved!



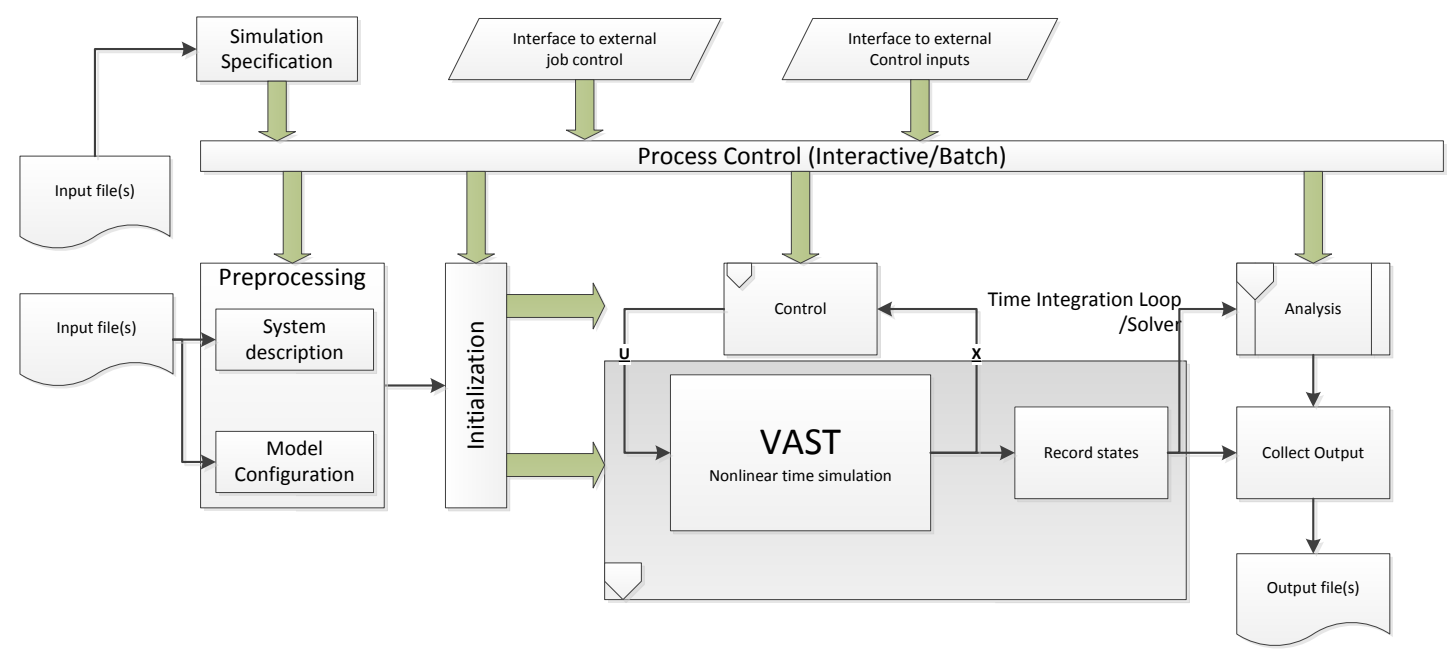
# Parallel Coupling Frameworks



## FSDM: Flow Simulator Data Manager



## VAST: Versatile Aeromechanic Simulation Tool



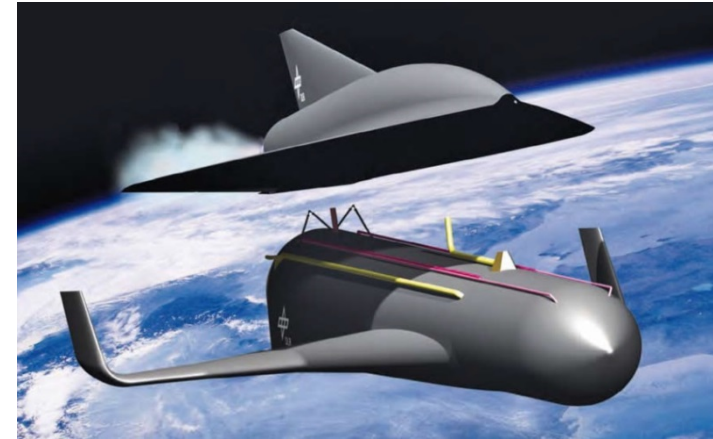
Coupling of several application components





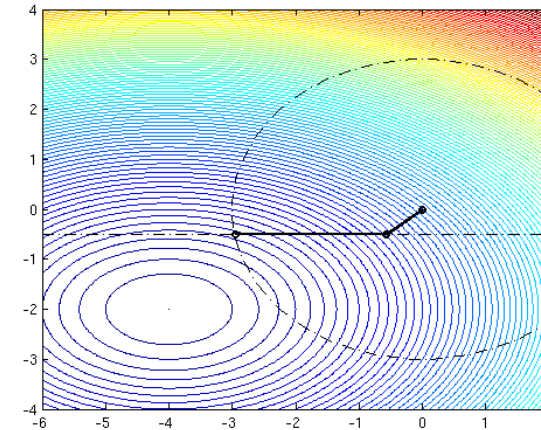
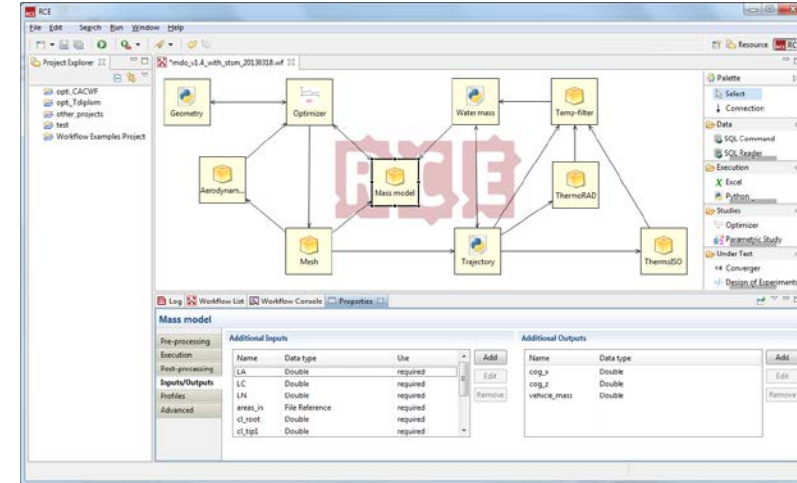
# Analysis and Optimization of the Spaceliner Pre-Design

- Development of a hypersonic passenger spacecraft for long distance flights
- Descent should be accomplished in gliding flight
- **New research focus:** development of a hybrid structure with integrated thermal control units involving magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) effects with cooled magnets



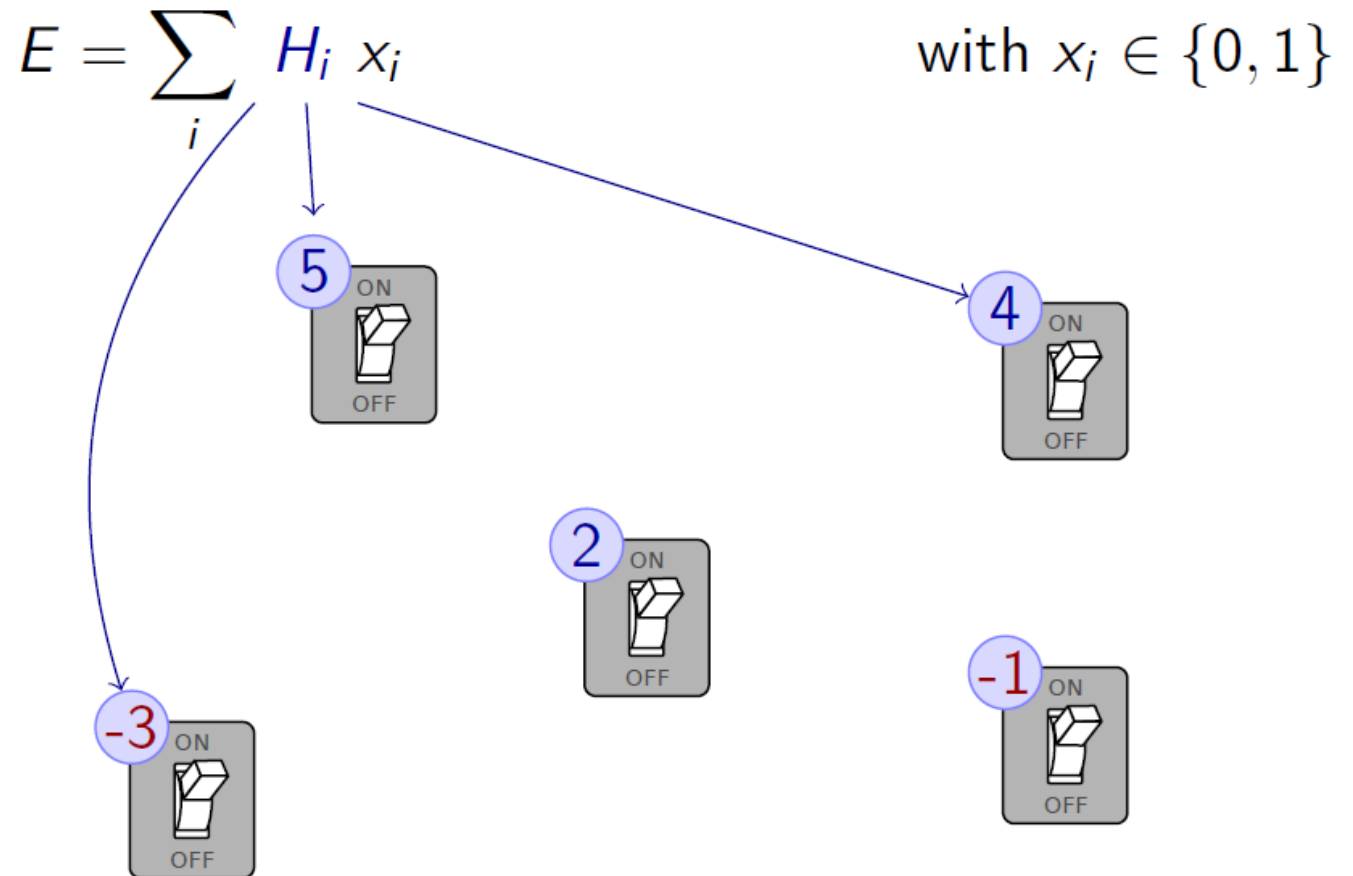
# Implementation of a Multidisciplinary Optimization Loop

- Implementation of the design as process graph in the software platform **RCE** (remote component environment) by coupling tools from different disciplines
- Problem: no derivatives available
- Up to now: use of derivative-free optimizers from toolbox **DAKOTA**
- **Our development:** new algorithm for nonlinear derivative-free constrained optimization
  - Derivative-free trust-region **SQP**-method



# Adiabatic Quantum Computer

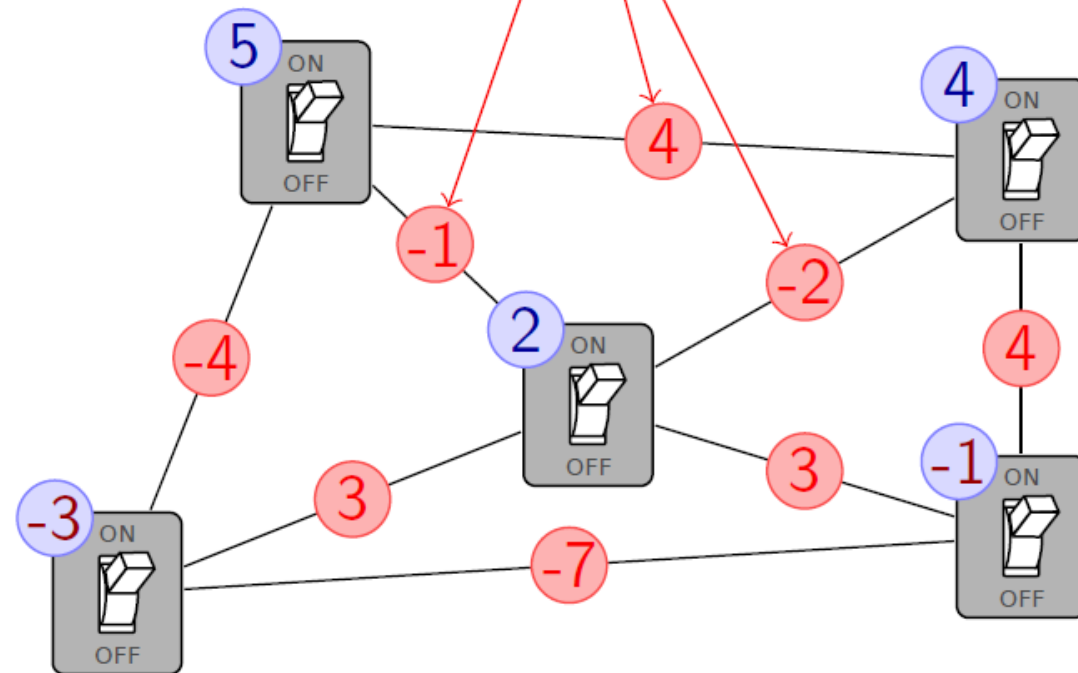
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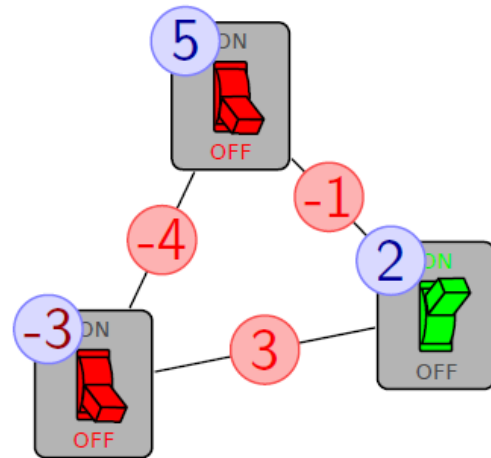
$$E = \sum_i H_i x_i + \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} x_i x_j \quad \text{with } x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$





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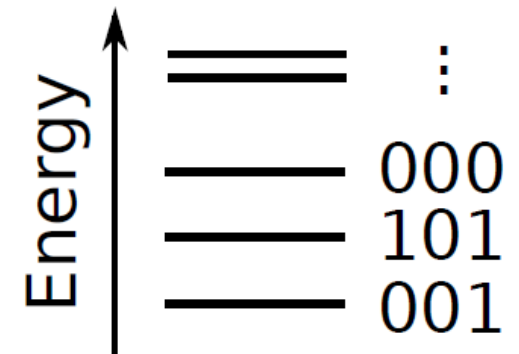
Example:



$$E = 5x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 - x_1x_2 + 3x_2x_3 - 4x_3x_1$$

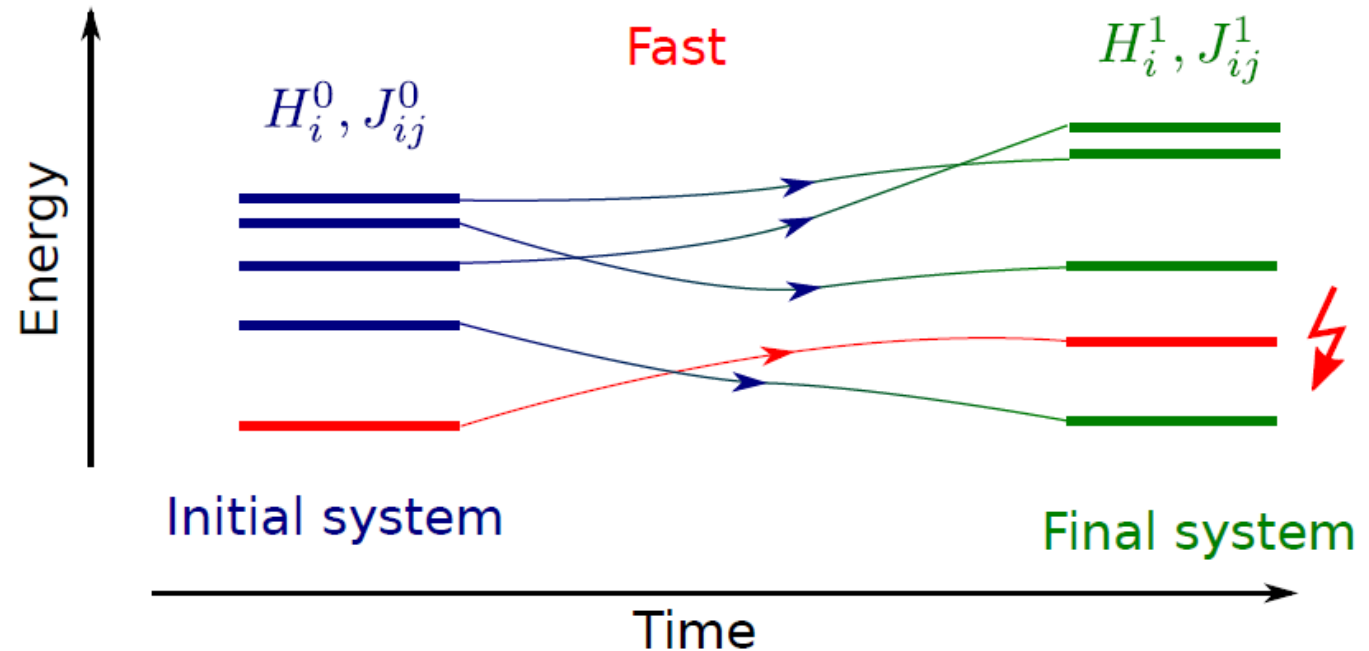
Lowest Energy:  $E = -3$   
at  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0, 1)$

- Quantum systems have discrete energy levels (e.g. atom)
- Idea: Find system whose lowest energy state (ground state) correspond to the solution of the optimization problem



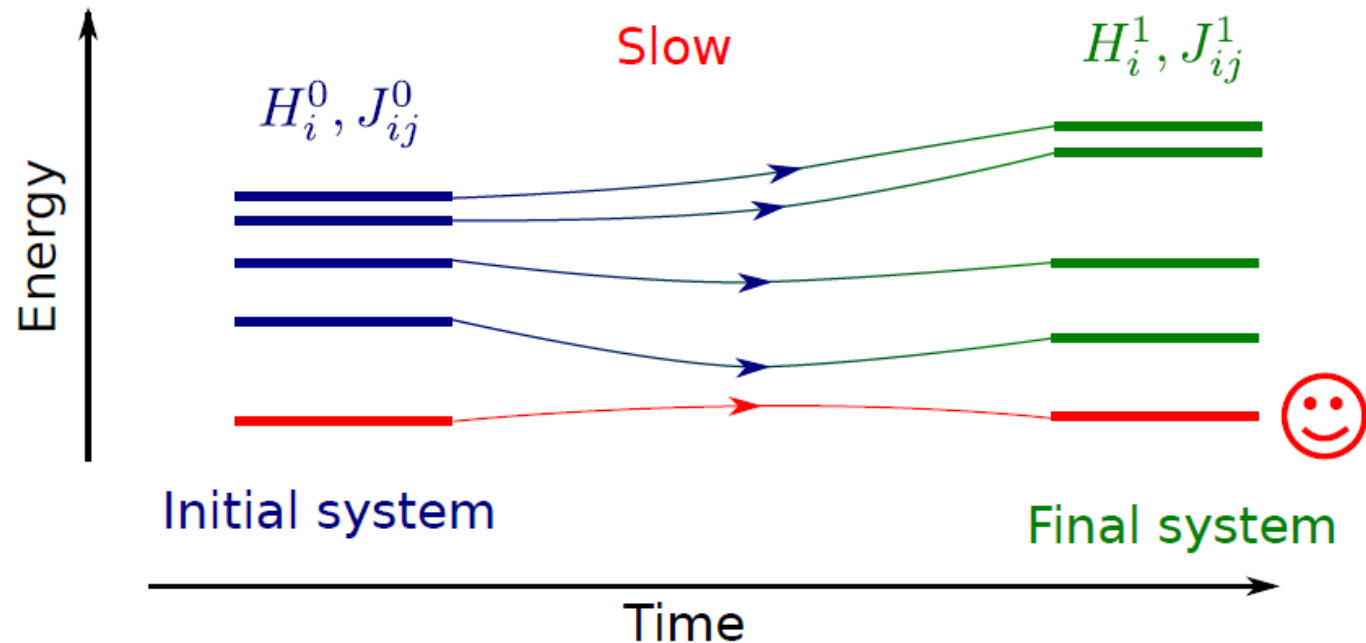
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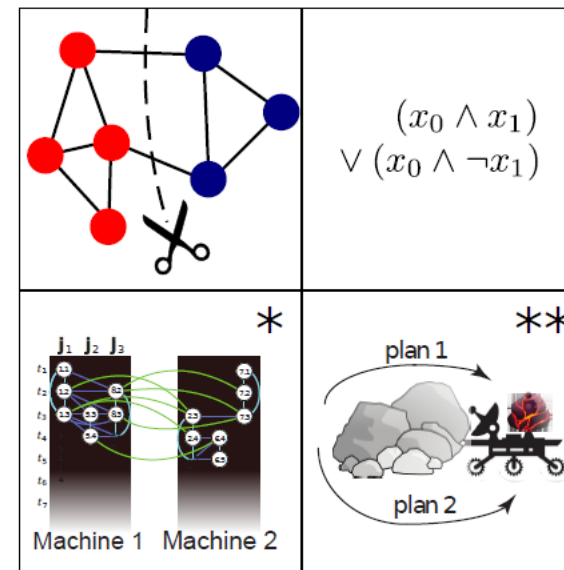
# Applications for Quantum Annealers

## Applications

Which problems can be mapped to QUBO?

$$E = \sum_i H_i x_i + \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} x_i x_j \quad \text{with } x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

- All NP-Complete Problems. E.g.
  - Graph Partitioning
  - Satisfiability Problems
- Planning
  - Job-Shop Scheduling
  - Mars-Lander Operations
- Machine Learning



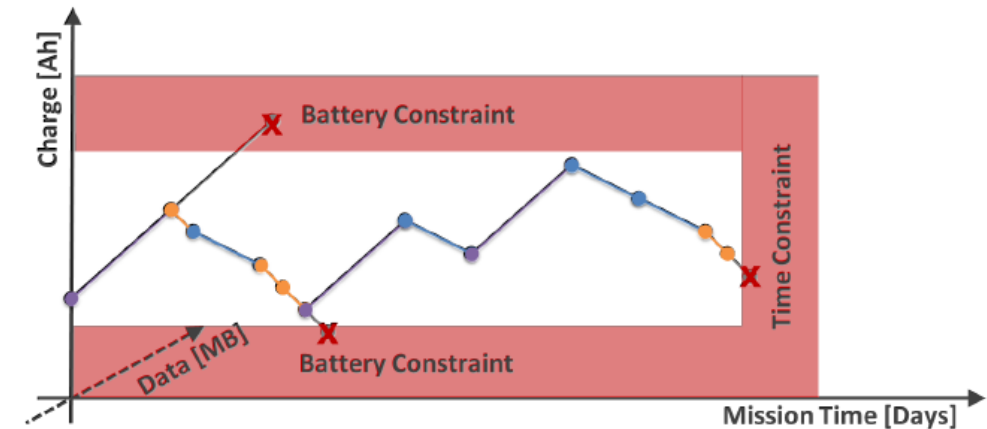
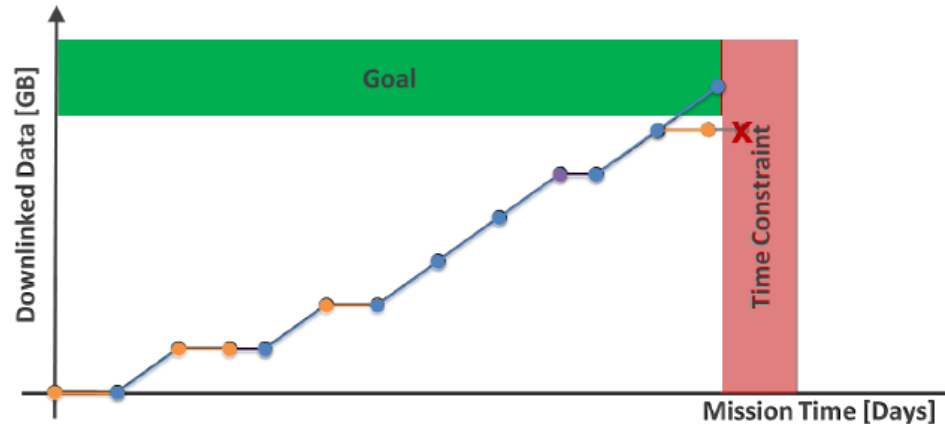
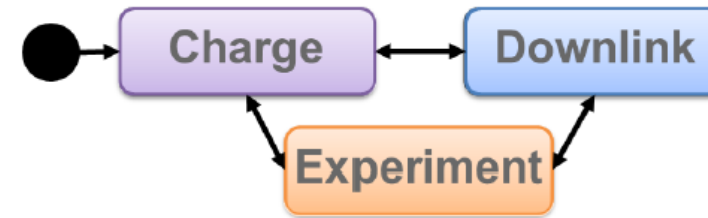
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# DLR Application: Satellite Scheduling

- Model
  - 3 states
  - charge, downlink, experiment
- Goal: Maximum downlink
- Constraints: energy, data storage

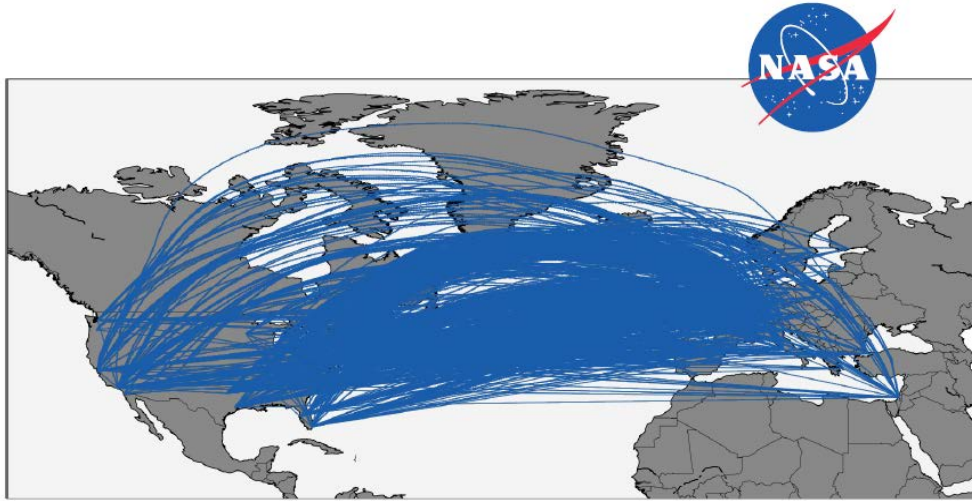


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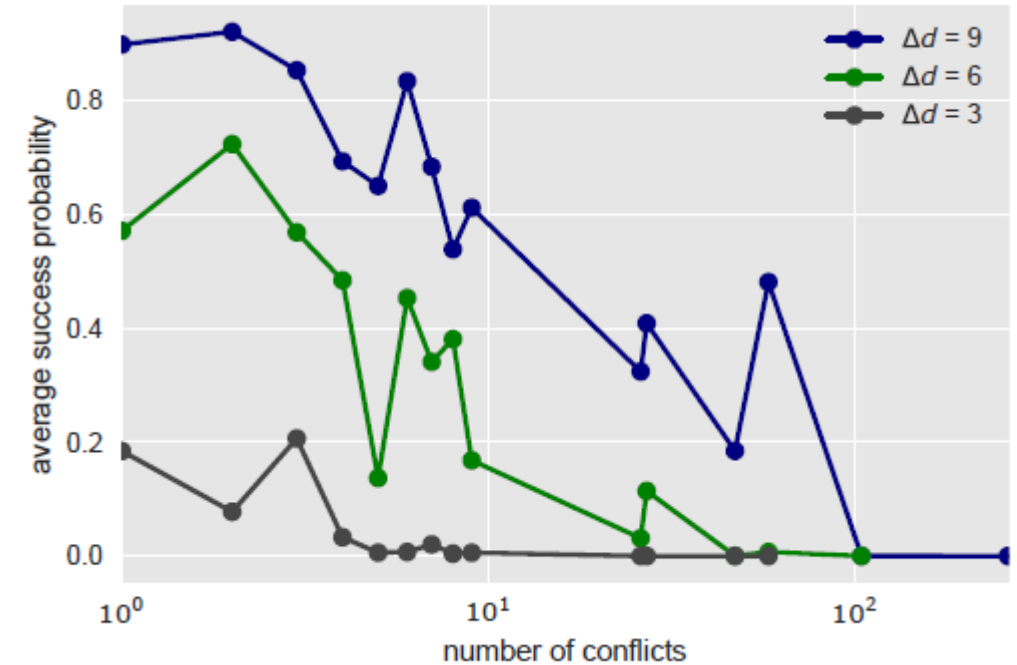
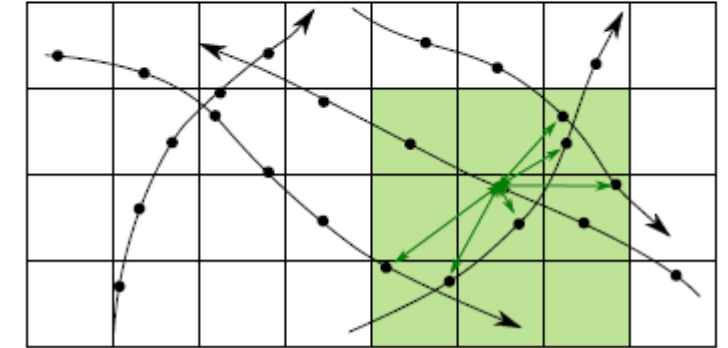
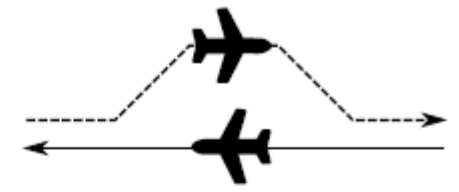




# DLR-NASA Application: Air Traffic Management

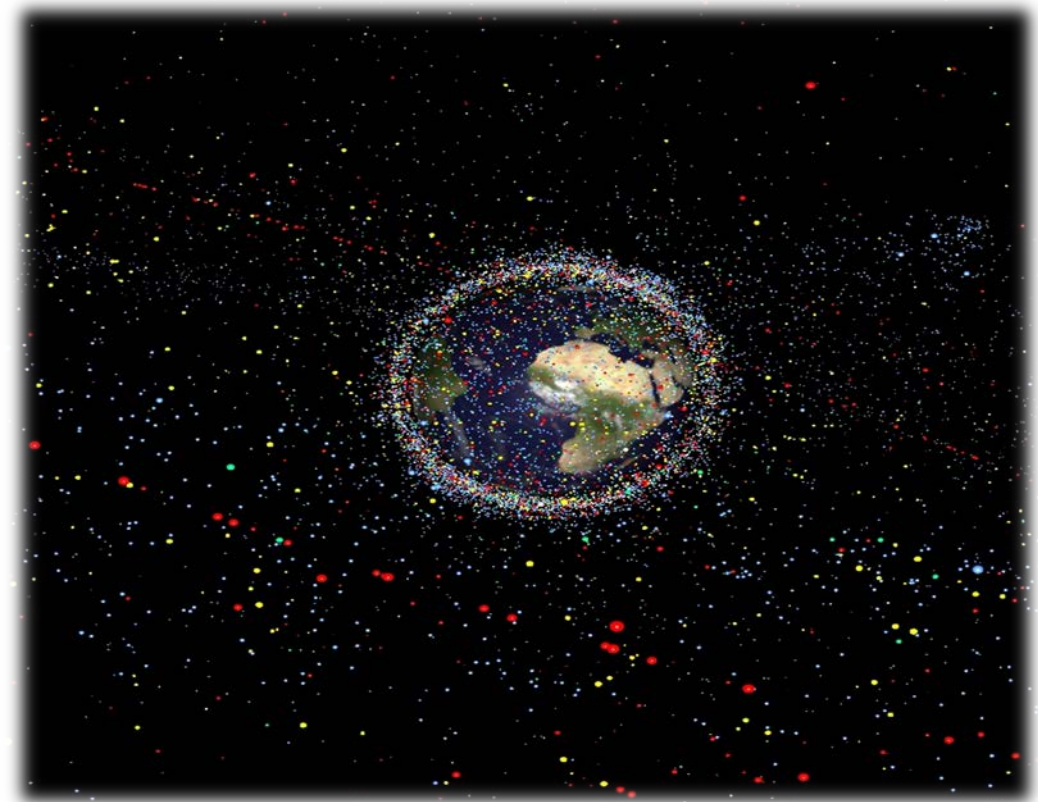


- Optimization problem represented as QUBO
- Preprocessing: cluster dependent conflicts
- Computation of simplified instances
- Preliminary results:
  - Success probability decreases with increasing problem size
  - Precision of parameters limited



# DLR Software BACARDI: Backend Catalog for Relational Debris Information

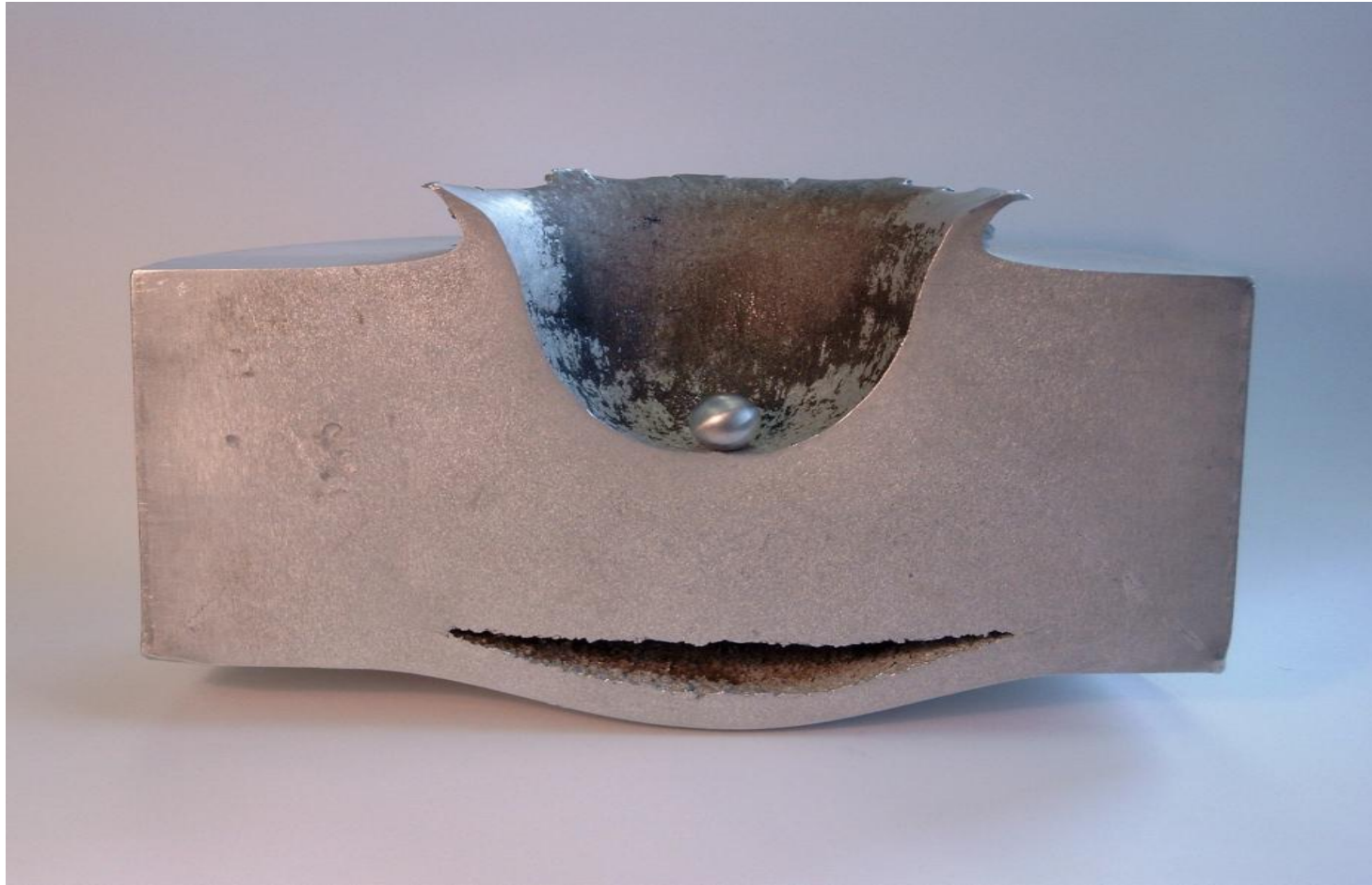
- Increasing number of space debris
  - 26,000 known objects > 10 cm
  - Objects > 1 cm problematic
- Current capabilities at DLR, GSOC
  - Orbit propagation
  - Collision detection
  - Observation planning and correlation
- Composition of a DLR database
  - TLE unprecise
  - Precise data restricted



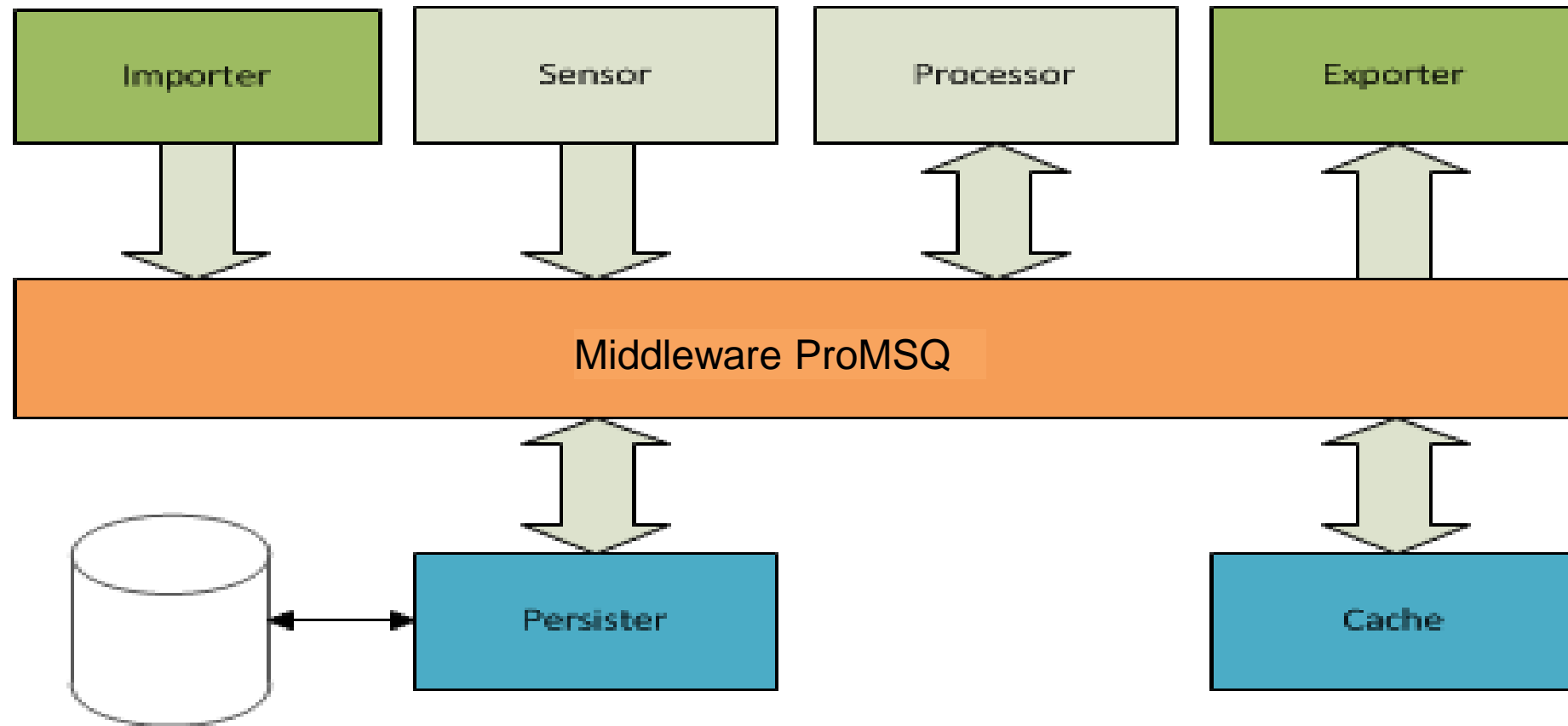
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# Big Damage through Small Debris Particles



## BACARDI Architecture Layers



### HPC technology and methods for

- processing of orbit data from sensor data
- processing of correlation operations with the data base





# Conclusions

- HPC technology successfully exploited in aeronautic and space applications
- Development of scalable and maintainable software crucial
- New architectures arise with specific application areas
- New problem formulations required for certain new architectures
- Development of new algorithmic approaches necessary
- High performance data analytics increasingly important



# Many thanks for your attention!

## Questions?

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